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Vets get 'rock star' treatment at Normandy **Page 3**

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Ralph Manley, a D-Day veteran of the 101st Airborne Division, plants a kiss on Marsha Schattner of Dallas after agreeing to pose in a photograph Saturday at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France. Manley was one of 134 D-Day veterans at Normandy to reflect on the 65th anniversary of the Allied invasion.

Obama hails 'sheer improbability' of D-Day victory

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY
Stars and Stripes

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France — President Barack Obama paid tribute Saturday to the veterans of D-Day, poignantly noting their ever-thinning ranks and "the sheer improbability" of their successful invasion of Normandy 65 years ago.

He acknowledged that as the years go

by it doesn't get any easier for veterans to make the trip. Though many of them are now well into their 80s, at least 135 veterans made the trip to France to commemorate the historic landings on the morning of June 6, 1944.

The passage of time and the veterans' physical limitations were punctuated on the eve of the ceremony. Missing from the ranks at Normandy American Cemetery was James No-

rene, a 101st Airborne Division veteran who parachuted into northern France as part of the invasion force.

"Last night, after visiting this cemetery for one last time, he passed away in his sleep," Obama said before an estimated crowd of 8,000.

"Jim was gravely ill when he left his home, and he knew that he might not return," the president continued.

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REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

President Barack Obama sings the national anthem at Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France, on Saturday.

QUOTE OF THE DAY "Hell no."

— Samuel Krauss, 93-year-old D-Day veteran, when asked if he thought he would ever return to drink a beer at Omaha Beach where he landed in 1944

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Hoops on hold

Soldier's Iraq service forced him to delay dream of running expansion ABA franchise

By GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ
Stars and Stripes

Chuck Iavarone had a love of the game in mind when he bought the Syracuse ShockWave American Basketball Association franchise in early 2008. He was all set to assemble a squad and start his inaugural season when the Army came calling.

Individual Ready Reserve status can screw up even the best laid plans. So in October 2008, Spc. Iavarone put his hoop dreams on hold and deployed to Iraq for a year with the 39th Military Police Company.

ABA fans in Syracuse will have to wait another season before they can cheer on their hometown heroes.

"It was bittersweet I guess," said Iavarone, 27. "I was happy to be able to serve my country and come over here. Most IRR's wouldn't say that."

Iavarone was a reservist who moved to IRR status in 2007.

"I had the desire to continue to serve, but at the same time I definitely wanted to get the ShockWave up and running," he said.

Iavarone said he paid "several

thousands, not in the millions" for the rights to the ABA expansion franchise in Syracuse.

"I've always had a love for sports management and [a desire] to own my own team," he said. "The opportunity became available and I had to take it."

In his civilian life, Iavarone was a town supervisor for Salinas, a town on the outskirts of Syracuse.

When he gets back from Iraq, Iavarone said he'll have

to first assemble a coaching staff and then go looking for talent while selling the team to the community. Community involvement

is a big part of the ABA and its 60 teams spread out across the country, from the Southeast Texas Mustangs to the Cleveland Rockers, according to Joe Newman, who helped resurrect the ABA in 2000.

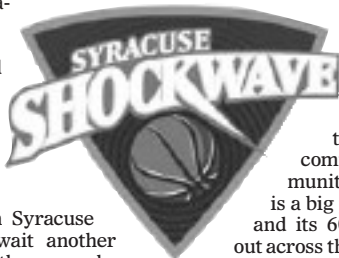
There remains a connection to the ABA's heyday in the 70s, when it competed with the NBA, even as the league serves as a platform for some would-be NBA players, Newman said.

"At that time they were competing directly with the NBA by signing guys like Dr. J and Moses Malone," Newman said.

In this rough economic climate, affordability is becoming a key selling point for the ABA, he said.

"It's the difference between going to a Ruth's Chris steakhouse or a McDonald's," Newman said. "They still want to go out to dinner but they're on a budget. We provide a good evening of quality entertainment."

The ABA season roughly co-



COURTESY OF JESSICA MALOTT/U.S. Army

Spc. Chuck Iavarone was all set to launch his very own Syracuse franchise for the American Basketball Association. Unfortunately his Individual Ready Reserve status meant other plans and he shipped out to Iraq in October for a year-long deployment, pushing back his roll out of the Syracuse ShockWave.

incides with the college hoops schedule, with the teams divided into two conferences east and west of the Mississippi River, Newman said.

"Our players are very regional," he said. "We ask teams to sign players that are very competitive from the area. If you've been following a player through high school or college, you get a chance to see the best of these non-NBA players."

While he continues his deployment, Iavarone said he looks forward to helping veterans as

part of the team's community outreach.

The timing may not have been perfect for Iavarone, but he hopes troops realize there are options out there for them when they leave the warzone.

And a year downrange can only help the ShockWave's bottom line.

"I've been able to save some money and put it away and we should be in a position next year to get (the team) going," he said.

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Note to readers

After our recent changes to the weather page, several readers told us it was a mistake to drop the list of U.S. cities' temperatures and conditions from the page. We agree. Starting today, the weather page will contain this information again.

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Marking timeless heroism

Obama: Leaders, veterans join for a day of remembrance

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"But just as he did 65 years ago, he came anyway. May he now rest in peace with the boys he once bled with, and may his family always find solace in the heroism he showed here."

Norene's passing obviously touched the veterans. After the 75-minute ceremony, Gerald "Red" Briggs, a Navy veteran who glimpsed the shore well before sunrise, choked up as he spoke of the commemoration.

"Every one of them realized why we are here," said Briggs, referring to the official party as well as to his fellow D-Day vets.

Still incredibly spry at 85, Briggs' eyes watered up as he paused, and then finished his thought.

"It's not the guys who lived," he said, nodding toward the thousands of white headstones, "it's the ones who gave their lives."

During the ceremony, there was another crowd-stirring moment when British Prime Minister Gordon Brown mistakenly referred to Omaha Beach, which lies directly below the cemetery, as "Obama Beach." The verbal slip, coming as he fends off a challenge to his leadership, obscured an otherwise effective speech.

The successful invasion which led to the fall of Nazi Germany and the liberation of Europe, he said, "proves people can bend history in the direction of our best hopes."

Also speaking at the commemoration were French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Sitting with the four heads of state on the dais was Prince Charles of Britain.

At least a couple of the speakers posed the question of how to bring greater honor to the men who fought along the 50-mile-



PHOTOS BY BEN BLOKER/Stars and Stripes

President Barack Obama greets French Legion of Honor medal recipient Joseph Don Roach, a Canadian veteran, at the beginning of a memorial ceremony Saturday at the Normandy American Cemetery in France. Three other veterans, from the United States, the United Kingdom and France, received the medal during the ceremony marking the 65th anniversary of the Allied landings on D-Day.

For more photos of the president and veterans at the ceremony, go to www.stripes.com

long stretch of the Normandy coast.

Today's generation, Harper said, "needs to take the torch from their failing hands and carry it high."

Sarkozy struck a similar chord.

"The finest tribute we can pay them, perhaps the only one that really matters, is to attempt to be worthy of what they did for us," Sarkozy said in comments that were translated from French to English.

Additionally, the ceremony

included the awarding of the French Legion of Honor to four Allied soldiers who took part in the invasion, including American Zane Schlemmer. Another 34 veterans also received the award over the course of the weekend.

The event also included, in reverse order, a ceremonial flyover of French, British and U.S. fighter jets, taps, a 21-gun salute and a wreath-laying.

It was during the wreath-laying portion of the program that the first rain drops began to fall. Though rain had been in the forecast all day, the timing seemed to lead some to think of Norene, and his sudden passing.

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Unabashed D-Day vets revel in status as living legends

BY STEVE MRZ
Stars and Stripes

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France — Back then, they fought to get off the Normandy beaches and up the shoreline bluffs.

Now, the 134 D-Day veterans here to reflect on the 65th anniversary of the Allied invasion face another kind of skirmish everywhere they go in this north-west coastal French region.

At cemeteries, battle sites and museums, once a veteran is spotted, throngs converge. Americans swarm to give thanks, shake hands or snap pictures with living legends. Elderly French women kiss D-Day vets. Reporters jam cameras and microphones in their faces.

It's almost paparazzi-ish in nature, but these men actually merit the attention, unlike the vapid Hollywood stars that have their every move scrutinized.

In a sense, these men in their 80s and 90s — some using wheelchairs and canes — are rock stars. They relish the moments and will talk at length to anyone willing to listen.

Saturday morning at Normandy American Cemetery, D-Day veterans could not make it a few feet without drawing a herd.

H. Smith Shumway held court before a rotating mob of well-wishers. Shumway, 87, landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day and was permanently blinded in a mine blast six weeks later.

"He's a rock star, exactly," said John Bennion, Shumway's son-in-law.

Anything rare increases in value over time, and that likely explains why the few remaining D-Day veterans are constantly mobbed — people want a chance to thank them before it's too late.

"Look at him," said Jerry Middleton, who brought 93-year-old Willie Southerland to the Normandy cemetery for the first time Friday. "He's eating it up, and he should. He may not have many days left to eat it up, unfortunately."

Less than 1 percent of the estimated remaining D-Day vets were present Saturday as President Barack Obama addressed the men in a ceremony at the cemetery. The youngest of the living D-Day vets are in their mid-80s.

"You, the veterans of that landing, are why we still remember what happened on D-Day," Obama said.

The National World War II Museum in New Orleans estimates that there were probably 500,000 U.S. personnel on or just off the beaches at Normandy and who could be called D-Day vets. Of those, roughly 62,500 are still alive, according to the museum.

But the press attention on Sat-



John Gill, a D-Day veteran, jokes with members of the media Saturday at the Normandy American Cemetery. Saturday marked the 65th Anniversary of the Allied landings on D-Day.

urday seemed intrusive at times.

As soon as Southerland entered the cemetery grounds, the press followed his every move. Two news crews got into a tiff over access to the veteran. Southerland did not have a private moment even as he walked through the rows of white, marble crosses and headstones etched with Stars of David. But the press attention also gave him a voice.

He repeatedly told reporters that he'd take the ribbons from the generals who failed to have Omaha Beach bombed just before the amphibious landing.

"They might court-martial me for saying that, but I don't care," Southerland said.

Southerland's not the only D-Day survivor who used the spotlight to sound off.

"I just wish we had more peace in the world," Shumway said. "Doesn't seem like we're getting it, but I can wish for it."

Even in tucked away places, the men of D-Day drew attention. Samuel Krauss, 93, and William Doyle, 95, found a cozy corner in a hotel bar overlooking Omaha Beach on Friday to sip a beer. They were enjoying a few moments with themselves and with close friends.

But when the reporters showed up, Krauss and Doyle had no problem chatting about what happened on June 6, 1944.

Asked if he ever thought on D-Day that he'd drink a beer above the beach where he landed 65 years ago, Krauss gave a resounding "hell no."

"I've come back, I've brought people back with me just to show them where the hell I got wet," he said.

And with that, Krauss and Doyle wrapped up one interview and got ready for the next.

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Marion Gray, a D-Day veteran from the 116th Infantry Regiment, talks with Luke Daly, 3, of New York City, after signing a book Saturday at the Normandy American Cemetery.



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

U.S. veteran Bill Ryan, 84, from Melbourne, Fla., talks during an interview with Associated Press television prior to a ceremony at the German Cemetery in La Cambe near Bayeux, Western France, on Friday to commemorate the 8,000 German soldiers buried there.

Former foes share war tales during a solemn tribute

By ANGELA CHARLTON
The Associated Press

LA CAMBE, France — Americans and Germans who were bitter enemies during the D-Day invasion of France shared stories and moments of silence at a Normandy ceremony, joining together to honor those who perished in the epochal World War II beach landings.

They held their poignant, low-key ceremony at the German cemetery Friday at La Cambe a day before an international commemoration nearby, led by President Barack Obama, to mark 65 years since Allied forces landed on Normandy's shores.

Military bands played anthems of the United States, Germany, Britain and France, and visitors piled wreaths at the foot of a mound at the center of the cemetery. Some 22,000 German soldiers are buried beneath clusters of rounded brown crosses in a grassy meadow not far from Omaha Beach.

Flags from nations who fought each other in World War II flew in the spring breeze.

"It's a great feeling ... to come here," said Austin Cox of Crisfield, Md., a sergeant with the 115th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division who landed on Omaha Beach at 9 a.m. on the epic day that turned the tide of World War II.

"My comrades, though, are buried over at Omaha," said Cox, 90, recalling the high tide that carried him onto the expanse of beach.

The main American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer has about 9,300 graves. Most U.S. war dead were repatriated.

Karl-Heinz Mayer of Oldenburg, Germany, has comrades at La Cambe, where a low, granite entrance leads into the cemetery containing the graves of the Ger-

man soldiers, each marked with a small, flat stone. Unidentified bodies are marked simply, "ein Deutscher soldat," a German soldier.

At Friday's ceremony, Mayer recalled lying wounded on the fields of Normandy 65 years ago. An American soldier roused him with his boot, Mayer said. He said he was eventually sent to the United States to be treated for his wounds.

"Today I am here for the last time, because I'm 83 and I'm not that well," he said. "We shake hands, we are all normal people. And I hope there will never be a war again because this slaughter was horrible."

American vet Bill Ryan of the 1st Infantry Division's 16th Infantry Regiment, also at Friday's ceremony, told Associated Press Television News some of his war experiences resembled that of the character with the same last name in Steven Spielberg's film "Saving Private Ryan."

As the quiet commemoration unfolded in Normandy, honors were bestowed on 45 American, Canadian and British veterans in an elaborate ceremony in Paris.

"France is paying tribute to those who re-established our liberty ...," said Defense Minister Herve Morin at the gold-domed Hotel des Invalides, where Napoleon's tomb is housed. "France remembers who they were and what France owes them," he said.

The 45 were presented with the coveted Legion of Honor award.

Most of those present were Americans, many of whom had taken part in the storming of the beaches of Normandy.

Most struggled to their feet and saluted or placed hand on heart as a brass military band played the American, Canadian, British and French national anthems.

Veteran, 84, recalls role on D-Day

By JENNY BARCHFIELD
The Associated Press

PARIS — At the first strains of the American national anthem, 84-year-old William Dabney struggled to his feet and stayed there, despite his weak legs, throughout the hourlong Paris ceremony honoring American, Canadian and British World War II veterans.

Dabney was just 17 when he enlisted in an all-black unit to fight the Nazis and 18 when he stormed the beaches at Normandy as part of the Allied offensive that helped change the course of the war.

On Friday, the eve of the 65th anniversary of the historic beach landings, Dabney stood, back straight and arm cocked in a soldierly salute as French Foreign Minister Herve Morin thanked him and 44 fellow vets for helping liberate the country.

"It makes me feel pretty good, makes me feel like my fighting was worth it," said Dabney, a native of Roanoke, Va., after the ceremony at Hotel des Invalides, site of Napoleon's tomb.

"The French people have certainly expressed a lot of pride for the American soldiers."

Tom Hanks, too, was apparently impressed. The American actor, who famously played an officer in the 1998 movie "Saving Private Ryan," chatted with Dabney, who sets tiles for a living.

Dabney joined the 320th Anti-Aircraft Barrage Balloon Battalion in December 1942, after his friends, "a group of older guys," were drafted.

"I didn't want to be left alone, you see, so I followed them," he said.

Dabney flew huge helium barrage balloons to waylay enemy planes, which got caught in their cables. His visions of D-Day horrors remain vivid.

"The firing was furious on the beach. I was picking up dead bodies and I was looking at the mines blowing up soldiers. The planes come over scraping



JACQUES BRINON/AP

Actor Tom Hanks, right, shakes hands with U.S. veteran Cpl. William Dabney after Dabney was awarded the Legion of Honor medal by French Defense Minister Herve Morin in Paris on Friday.

and we were digging in the sand. The men was just laying around everywhere and I didn't know if I was going to make it or not," Dabney said.

Luck stayed on his side. Dabney was later sent to the Philippines to take part in the fight in the Pacific theater.

But his ship broke down and he was stalled for weeks off Hawaii.

"By the time we got there, the war was over. We camped out in the sugar cane fields for six months and swam on the beach," he said with a wink.

Obama pays visit to Landstuhl



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Above: People line a Ramstein Air Base street, hoping for a glimpse of President Barack Obama after he landed at the base Friday afternoon.



ROBERTO PFEIL/AP

Left: From left, 1st Lt. Danielle Schaaf, 24, from Vermillion, S.D.; Pfc. Dean Baker, 18, from Vancouver, Wash.; Cpl. Steven Baker, 24, from Corinth, Miss.; and Sgt. Matt Berth, 27, from Rhinelander, Wis., talk to the press Friday about meeting Obama at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. The president presented the Purple Heart to six soldiers and Marines for wounds suffered in combat.

Landstuhl troops test positive for swine flu

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

U.S. Army medical officials in Germany said Saturday they expect to get lab results back Monday indicating whether four more servicemembers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center are sick with H1N1 influenza, or swine flu.

Tests on two other military members at the hospital came back positive for the virus Thursday, hospital officials announced Friday, making them the first confirmed cases of the new human strain of H1N1 among U.S. military personnel in Europe.

In the meantime, health officials are trying to determine the source of the infection among the small group at Landstuhl, while working with their base communities and units to remain vigilant against any further signs of the virus.

The confirmed cases at Landstuhl are two U.S. soldiers, from Mannheim and Stuttgart, Germany, said Col. Evelyn Barraza, Europe Regional Medical Command preventive medicine consultant and department of preventive medicine chief at Landstuhl.

The four "probable" cases involve two sailors from Naples, Italy, an airman from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and another airman from Incirlik, Turkey.

All shared in "similar activities" at Landstuhl but were not being treated for combat-related injuries, Barraza said Saturday, declining to provide more detail due to patient confidentiality.

Health officials were first tipped off to

How to stay healthy

Here are some guidelines to prevent contracting the flu:

- 1) Stay informed. The CDC Web site will be updated regularly as information becomes available.
- 2) Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- 3) Take everyday actions to stay healthy.
- 4) Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- 5) Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- 6) Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- 7) Stay home if you get sick to limit contact or spreading infection to others.
- 8) Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and taking other social distancing measures.
- 9) Find healthy ways to deal with stress and anxiety.

Source: Occupational and Environmental Medicine department; U.S. Navy Hospital, Naples, Italy

the swine flu cases when one of the infected soldiers went to the emergency room at Landstuhl on Sunday, where an "astute" provider took a nasal-throat swab for H1N1, Barraza said.

One of the probable cases — a sailor from Naples — was identified only after health officials began interviewing servicemembers with whom the soldier had been in contact. The sailor had been at Landstuhl for only two days before getting sick, but his symptoms were mild enough that he didn't seek medical attention, Barraza said. Because the sailor had the earliest onset of symptoms, it's possible he may have contracted the virus in Naples, Barraza said.

That's "just an assumption ... based on

the sequence of events," Barraza said. "We have no confirmation of that."

But officials in Naples said they've concluded Naples was not the source of the flu cases in Germany.

"After conducting and reviewing all of the medical interviews, evaluations, and lab tests completed in Naples in the last 48 hours and the history of the probable H1N1 cases in Germany, at this point, I do not find any evidence the source of the H1N1 virus is here in Naples," Dr. (Cmdr.) Timothy Halenkamp, occupational and environmental medicine specialist in Naples, said in a statement e-mailed to Stars and Stripes on Saturday. "Therefore, no additional public health preventive measures are recommended at this time."

Another active-duty member stationed in Sigonella, Sicily, who tested positive for Type A influenza virus late last month tested negative for swine flu, Sigonella hospital spokeswoman Petty Officer 1st Class Clarissa Rosalin said Saturday.

According to the World Health Organization, as of Friday, 69 countries have officially reported a total of 21,940 cases of influenza A, H1N1 infection, including 125 deaths. The disease has also spread to all 50 U.S. states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

The six servicemembers at Landstuhl with confirmed and suspected H1N1 are in medical isolation, housed in a building separate from the hospital, Barraza said. Someone brings them their meals and medication and monitors their progress, she said. Their days are spent watching TV and reading. This weekend they may get to go outside, but they will be limited to the vicinity around their quarters, she said.

All are on the antiviral flu medication

Tamiflu and responding well to it, Barraza said. She described their symptoms as "so far, mostly mild," with fever, chills and head and back aches. Two servicemembers, however, experienced nausea and vomiting. But none of the individuals were hospitalized for the illness.

While health officials haven't ruled out the possibility that the infection has not been contained, at this time there are no more suspected H1N1 cases at Landstuhl or in the base communities from which the servicemembers came. Individuals who came into contact with the servicemembers at Landstuhl have been interviewed and some have decided to take anti-flu medication.

While this is outside the typical flu season, "this is not your typical flu," Barraza said of H1N1. "Most people have not been exposed to this before, so we're going to see more individuals getting the flu who would not typically get it this time of year," she said.

A respiratory illness, swine flu is transmitted through coughing and sneezing.

Coming down with flu-like symptoms, however, need not be cause for panic and an immediate visit to the doctor's office, Barraza said, especially if you're managing OK with self-care at home. But if symptoms worsen or if someone has underlying medical conditions such as diabetes or a respiratory problem, he or she should seek medical treatment, she said.

Health officials also advise people in Europe's military communities to continue to follow preventive guidelines recommended by the CDCP.

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Remembering WWII Battle of Midway

During a ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Midway, USS Ronald Reagan commanding officer Capt. K.J. Norton helps throw a wreath overboard to honor all the lives that were lost in the WWII battle in 1942. The ceremony was held aboard the Reagan at sunset over the Pacific waters where the battle took place.

CHELSEA KENNEDY
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy



Nagasaki co-pilot dies at 88

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Charles Donald Albury, co-pilot of the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, has died after years of congestive heart failure. He was 88.

Albury died May 23 at a hospital, Family Funeral Care in Orlando confirmed.

Albury helped fly the B-29 Superfortress, nicknamed "Bockscar," that dropped the weapon on Aug. 9, 1945. He also witnessed the first atomic blast over Hiroshima as a pilot on a support plane that measured the magnitude of the blast and levels of radioactivity.

The Hiroshima mission was led by Col. Paul Tibbets Jr. aboard

the better-known "Enola Gay."

"When Tibbets dropped the bomb, we dropped our instruments and made our left turn," Albury told Time magazine four years ago. "Then this bright light hit us and the top of that mushroom cloud was the most terrifying, but also the most beautiful, thing you've ever seen in your life. Every color in the rainbow seemed to be coming out of it."

Three days later, Albury copilot the mission over Nagasaki. Cloud cover caused problems for the mission until the bombardier found a hole in the clouds.

The 10,200-pound explosive instantly killed an estimated 40,000 people. Another 35,000 died from injuries and radiation sickness. Japan surrendered on Aug. 14.

Two nuclear sub sailors accused of beating man in N.H.

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Two nuclear submarine sailors, including one assigned to help crewmates stay out of trouble, are accused of brutally beating a man, leaving him near death on a Portsmouth street and then trying to orchestrate a cover-up.

One of the accused crewmembers of the USS Greeneville was on duty at the time and driving a Navy "safe-ride" van, a shuttle service that picks up sailors, including those who might have had too much to drink while off duty.

Stephen Huntress, 48, suffered major injuries including skull fractures, officials said; his condition has improved, but there is no word on his potential long-term injuries.

In court Thursday, Seamen Gerald Smith, 22, of Honolulu, and Sandy Portobanco, 23, of Inglewood, Calif., did not contest that police had probable cause to arrest them. "They beat him to the point where he was unresponsive and they left him for dead," Portsmouth Police Lt. Corey MacDonald said.

Smith drove the van late May

22 from the shipyard in Kittery, Maine, where the Greeneville is docked for an overhaul, to Portsmouth and picked up Portobanco, who had been drinking in a bar.

Huntress was walking by and said something to the Navy men, MacDonald said. The sailors reported he insulted the Navy, MacDonald said.

According to investigators, Smith got out of the van, provoked Huntress into a fight and began hitting him in the head.

Portobanco joined in, MacDonald said, "to the point where both of them are punching, kick-

ing, kneeling, striking him with elbows."

"He's on the ground and they continue this while he is clearly no longer able to defend himself, eventually leaving him unconscious," he said.

Smith brought himself to the attention of police a short while later by reporting that someone yelled at the van and threw something that cracked the windshield. He reported that he drove away immediately.

The story unraveled, police said, after officers interviewed Smith,



Smith



Portobanco

Portobanco and a witness. Smith, according to a police affidavit, admitted making up the story, provoking and beating Huntress with Portobanco, and threatening to hurt the witness if he didn't go along with the original story.

Zama American High alums mark 50 years

By BRYCE S. DUBEE
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Fifty years ago, the Big Bopper had just died, rapper Flavor Flav was born and a small American high school at Camp Zama held its first graduation.

More than 100 school alumni representing graduating classes from throughout Zama American's history gathered on base this weekend to celebrate the school's history.

"This is great, I'm having a lovely time," said Lyle Bishop, representing the class of 1960, the oldest class present.

The celebration began Friday morning with a tree-planting ceremony in which alumni, current students and school faculty planted 15 trees near the school grounds.

Afterward, alumni were taken on a tour of the school and allowed to explore the school grounds.

"There used to be nothing here," exclaimed Levon Martin, class of 1961, who was returning to Zama for the first time. "It's nice to be back."

Walking alongside the school's football field, former majorettes Jeanne Fredericks and Terry Englehart from the classes of 1965 and 1966, respectively, reminisced about performing on the same field decades ago.



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Alumni, current students, faculty and base officials shovel dirt onto a tree during a tree-planting ceremony at Zama American High School. The school celebrated the 50th anniversary of their first graduating class this weekend.

"It's weird and wonderful being back," Fredericks said.

The unusual bond shared by military

brats is one that goes beyond just the year a person graduated, she said.

"The bond is in the lifestyle ... It's the

people who understand what it was like," Englehart said. "Even if I don't know people here, I know we shared a common experience."

The idea for the celebration began last spring during an alumni gathering in New Orleans and was the result of collaboration between school faculty, alumni and base officials, said Zama Principal Jerry Ashby.

"It's good to see people come back and reconnect," he said. "I think it's important to stay in touch."

Base commander Col. Robert M. Waltemeyer said he was impressed by the strong connection the alumni have with the installation.

"The alumni group is very active (on base)," he said. "They really have a strong sense of community."

Watching the gathering of generations of former students, freshmen Cyla Haskins and Suzanne Avery said they, too, were taken aback by the close connections the alumni shared.

"They have so many stories to tell," Haskins said. "It's kind of amazing."

Avery agreed, reflecting on her own future.

"It makes me think of where we're going to be in 10, 20, or even 50 years," she said.

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Japanese protest training center

By HANA KUSUMOTO
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Stars and Stripes

SAGAMIHARA, Japan — Hundreds gathered Saturday to protest the U.S. Army's construction of its Battle Command Training Center at Sagami General Depot.

Those who gathered said they are against the construction because they believe the training center will be used to gear up Japan's Ground Self-Defense Force for war.

"Self-Defense Forces are integrated into the military strategy of the United States," said Tatsumi Hibana, deputy leader of one of the peace groups that organized the protest.

Japan's pacifist constitution allows its military to only defend its country or engage in humanitarian missions.

"[The center] is directly linked with the battlefield," Hibana said.

However, U.S. Army and Japanese officials dispute that claim.

"We don't have any formal agreement (with the JGSDF) and we have never discussed them using it," said U.S. Army Japan spokesman Maj. James Crawford.

"It's our job to be prepared for any contingency," Crawford said, adding that the center can be used for a variety of training simulations ranging from humanitarian relief, disaster response and the defense of Japan.

Despite USARJ's stated position, Hibana maintained that the training center will be used to train Japanese forces.

"Even though things are agreed behind the scenes, they have officially denied it," he said.



HANA KUSUMOTO/Stars and Stripes

Protesters raise their fists Saturday, expressing their opposition against the construction of U.S. Army's Battle Command Training Center in front of Sagami General Depot.

Tied via computer connections into a central training system located in the States, the center will allow USARJ soldiers to train for a variety of missions in one permanent location, Crawford said.

"We can do any scenario that we think we need to train on," he said.

The center will have a dedicated staff and a dramatically lower impact on the environment because soldiers will not have to move to a location, set up a temporary training site and then tear it down once the exercise is complete he said.

Some also expressed concerns

that the depot's increased role will cause unwanted attention to the community.

"It could become a target by the enemies," said Hiroshi Shimomura, of Sagami-hara.

Crawford said the protesters have a right to voice their opposition and USARJ has nothing to hide.

"We have the same goal which is peace," he said. "We just have different perspectives on how to reach that goal and how to keep it."

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Airman 1st Class Donnie Lang, left, Tech. Sgt. Erick Tyndall, center, and American Forces Network radio deejay Jo Baker give computer advice to the Misawa Air Base, Japan, community during the Geek Squad program Friday morning.

'Geek Squad' takes to the Misawa airwaves

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — American Forces Network officials at Misawa have added another regularly scheduled radio program to their lineup.

The "Geek Squad" now airs each Friday from 11 a.m. to noon on AFN 1575, and features two computer-savvy troops from the 35th Communications Squadron who give computer advice.

The show, hosted by volunteer disc jockey Jo Baker, was created after officials realized there was a need for it in the local community.

Baker said a trial run showed enough interest to add it to the stable of regularly scheduled programs.

The regularly scheduled, hour-long programs are:

■ Monday, 7 a.m. — Nutrition

and health advice

■ Tuesday, 7 a.m. — Central Texas College

■ Tuesday, 4 p.m. — Information, Tours and Travel

■ Wednesday, 7 a.m. — Force Support Squadron marketing

■ Wednesday, 9 a.m. — Troy University

■ Thursday, 7:30 a.m. or noon on alternating weeks — Outdoor Recreation

■ Every other Thursday, 7:30 a.m. — "Dave the Mechanic"

from the Pit Stop Garage

■ Friday, 7 a.m. — AAFES New Car and Harley-Davidson sales

■ Friday, 8:30 a.m. — University of Maryland University College-Asia

■ Friday, 11 a.m. — The Geek Squad

■ Friday, 3 p.m. — University of Phoenix

Ambush leaves 2 pro-Taliban Pakistanis dead

By ASIF SHAHZAD
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Militants ambushed a military convoy in Pakistan's volatile northwest on Saturday, killing two detained aides of a senior cleric with close ties to the Taliban in the Swat Valley, the army said.

It was not clear if the attack was an attempt to rescue the prisoners or assassinate them before then could provide intelligence to the military — or even if the attackers knew that Taliban-linked prisoners were in the convoy.

But it underscored the instability in the northwestern region, even with some 15,000 troops fighting to end the Taliban's control there.

Military spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas also conceded that victory in the month-old offensive could only be declared when top Taliban leaders have been killed — something that hasn't happened yet.

"They are the center of the gravity of this movement, and unless and until they are killed, we cannot declare victory in this whole operation," he said Saturday.

Abbas said that Maulana Fazlullah, the Taliban chief in Swat, had been "targeted" three times so far in the campaign after intelligence reports suggested his whereabouts and that he may have been wounded. But there was no confirmation of Fazlullah's condition.

Before dawn on Saturday, a roadside bomb and gunfire hit the convoy as it traveled from Sakhakot town near Swat to the main northwestern city of Peshawar, the army said. One soldier also died in the attack and five were wounded.

The army identified the prisoners as Muhammad Maulana Alam and Ameer Izzat Khan, top aides to hard-line cleric Sufi Muhammad, who is father-in-law to Fazlullah. Sufi Muhammad negotiated a peace deal with the government that was widely seen as allowing the Taliban to take control of the valley.

The deal collapsed earlier this year when the Taliban advanced into neighboring districts, triggering a military offensive that prompted a spree of retaliatory attacks by militants in the northwest and beyond.

"These two were being transported so that intelligence agencies could investigate them when an IED and gun attack was launched on the military convoy," Abbas said, using the abbreviation for an improvised explosive device.



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

A displaced Pakistani man sits at Got Koto to enter in Pakistan's troubled Swat Valley on Friday. Despite gains by the Pakistani Army in an offensive against militants in the region, a military spokesman Saturday said victory in the month-old campaign could only be declared when top Taliban leaders have been killed.

The motive for the attack was not known yet, but he added, "I wouldn't rule out that they were targeted or killed on purpose."

Rasul Bahksh Rais, a political scientist at Lahore University, said the killings may have been deliberate to prevent Alam and Khan from giving the military information that could help find Taliban leaders.

"I think it was a targeted killing by the militants because they could identify the whereabouts of some of the militant" leaders, Rais told the Express 24/7 television network. "They were high-value targets."

The offensive in Swat is seen as a test of Pakistan's resolve to take on militants who have challenged the central government's rule by strengthening their influence in the border region with Afghanistan. While no senior Taliban have been captured or killed, 1,305 militants and 105 soldiers have died so far, Abbas said.

Security forces detained Alam and

Khan during a raid last Thursday at a religious school in a district near Swat.

Meanwhile, U.S. special envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke said during a visit to Islamabad that Washington was going to strengthen efforts to cut funding for extremism in Afghanistan.

He said the U.S. would shift focus from fighting opium-poppo production to examining other methods, such as people hand-carrying funds and the Islamic exchange system called "hawala," which consists of vast, informal money-transfer networks.

"The United States is going to downgrade crop eradication as part of its policies in Afghanistan," Holbrooke said Friday. "We're going to upgrade interdiction. We going to upgrade going after the major drug traffickers ... but we want to focus on where the money really comes from."

Ex-militant recruiter vies for minds in Pakistan

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Ten years ago, Maajid Nawaz came to Pakistan to recruit for an extremist group intent on a global Islamic state. Now he's on a different mission — to steer youth away from militancy.

In speeches to thousands of university students across the country, Nawaz emphasizes the urgent need to renounce radicalism.

"We must reclaim Islam," the British citizen of Pakistani descent told some 100 students on a campus close to the capital last month. "We must reclaim Pakistan."

While Pakistan has poured troops and weaponry into its fight against the Taliban and other extremist groups, it has adopted few of the softer measures aimed at dis-suading militancy.

"There is no country where such a program is more important than in Pakistan," said Rohan Gunaratna, a terrorism expert who chaired the first international conference on militant rehabilitation in Singapore in February.

There are signs Pakistan is considering such a program. Senior officials recently went to Saudi Arabia to study the effort there. Egypt pioneered the idea of militant rehabilitation in the 1990s, and Yemen, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia have also followed suit.

The programs involve counseling by moderate clerics and former extremists. Militants who renounce their old ways can receive financial support or help finding a job. Parallel programs in schools and mosques are aimed at young people.

A former Guantanamo Bay detainee, Saad Iqbal Madni, said he would welcome such a program in Pakistan.

"If I had a little support, I could tell them that killing innocent people is not from Islam," said Madni, who was freed last year. Madni, who was never charged, denied engaging in violence, but said he would have credibility with fellow Pakistanis.

Military says insurgents in Iraq using teens in attacks

By KIM GAMEL
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents are increasingly using teenagers to stage attacks against American and Iraqi security forces, the U.S. military said Saturday.

At least five youths between the ages of 14 and 19 have been involved in grenade and suicide attacks in recent weeks in northern Iraq, according to a military statement.

The military has frequently said it believes al-Qaida in Iraq and other insurgent groups are recruiting youths and women because of their ability to avoid scrutiny and evade heightened security measures.

But Saturday's statement was the first to provide detailed alle-

gations of specific teenage attackers in what the military called "a growing trend of children carrying out attacks on Iraqi security and U.S. forces."

It said a teenage boy threw a grenade at a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol in Hawijah, west of the disputed northern city of Kirkuk, on Thursday and then fled the scene when it failed to detonate.

Nobody was harmed in that attack. Two U.S. soldiers were killed in separate grenade attacks elsewhere in the area on Thursday, although it was not known who was responsible for the incidents.

The Thursday attack by the teenager came days after a 15-year-old boy lobbed a grenade at another U.S.-Iraqi patrol in the same city. One vehicle was damaged and the boy was captured,

the military said.

A boy between the ages of 14 and 16 threw a grenade at a joint convoy of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police in Hawijah on May 26, but no injuries or damage were reported, according to the statement.

The military also said a boy as young as 14 was the driver in a suicide car bombing that killed five Iraqi policemen in Kirkuk on May 12.

Also in the oil-rich city, a 19-year-old man was arrested by Iraqi police while trying to detonate a suicide vest at a Shiite mosque on May 1, the statement said.

The militant groups are trying to take advantage of the fact "that children do not draw as much attention and soldiers do not want

to harm them," U.S. officers said in the statement.

Four alleged members of a group known to recruit children were arrested on April 14, the military said.

Children who are hurt while carrying out insurgent activities are also being used in insurgent propaganda campaigns, the military said.

The United Nations also has expressed concern that rising numbers of Iraqi youths have been recruited into militias and insurgent groups, including some serving as suicide bombers. It called them "silent victims of the continued violence." There have also been several recent suicide bombings by women.

The U.S. military released several videos last year seized from suspected al-Qaida in Iraq

hideouts that showed militants training children who appeared as young as 10 to kidnap and kill. Children have also been used as decoys in Iraq.

Violence has decreased sharply in Iraq, and militants have been forced to find new ways to penetrate the maze of checkpoints and concrete walls in Baghdad and other cities.

Underscoring the continued dangers, a senior Iraqi police official escaped an assassination attempt by a suicide car bomber Saturday in the former insurgent stronghold of Anbar province, west of the capital.

Maj. Gen. Tariq Youssef, the provincial police chief, said the blast occurred near his armored sport utility vehicle as it was leaving the university in the Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi.

IN THE WORLD

S. Korean leader sounds off on North

By KWANG-TAE KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea's president said Saturday his country won't give in to North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, while Pyongyang accused Seoul of sending patrol boats into its territorial waters.

In France, President Barack Obama suggested a new, stronger response to North Korean nuclear and missile testing, saying the North has tested the limits of patient diplomacy intended to persuade the communist country to accept international demands and end to its nuclear program.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency alleged the patrol boats were sail-

ing into North Korean waters daily around the rivals' disputed western sea border. The Korean-language report warned that aggressors would be dealt "merciless punishment that will be beyond imagination."

The claim was rejected by Seoul, which two days ago alleged one of the North's patrol boats violated its sea border in the same area. The boat turned back without incident after a 50-minute standoff with the South's naval ships, the South Korean military said.

The disputed waters — where deadly clashes occurred in 1999 and 2002 — are a potential flash point for the rivals. Many fear a minor dispute could quickly escalate into a major confrontation.

Earlier Saturday, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak delivered a stern warning to the North in a nationally televised Memorial Day speech honoring the country's war dead at Seoul's National Cemetery.

"I would like to make it clear that there will be no compromise against things that threaten our people and security," Lee said.

Meanwhile, there were still no updates Saturday of the criminal proceedings that were supposed to begin two days ago for TV reporters Laura Ling and Euna Lee.

The news blackout could mean the journalists — arrested three months ago on the China-North Korean border — were

being used as bargaining chips. The North might be dragging out their trial as the communist leadership waits to see what kind of sanctions Washington and the U.N. will use to punish the nation for its latest nuclear blast and barrage of missile tests last week.

Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korean expert at Dongguk University in Seoul, said Pyongyang will likely free the reporters and treat their release as a goodwill gesture that should be reciprocated with a special U.S. envoy visiting the isolated state.

"It shows how the North makes political judgments, which have nothing to do with laws," Koh said.

Fire kills 35 children at daycare in Mexico

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
The Associated Press

HERMOSILLO, Mexico — A fire killed 35 children in a day care center in northern Mexico despite desperate attempts of firefighters and a father who crashed his pickup truck through the wall to rescue babies, toddlers and others trapped inside.

The building had only one exit, according to the fire department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the fire. He said firefighters pulled children through the only door and through large holes that a civilian knocked into the walls before rescue crews arrived.

Noe Velasquez, an employee at a nearby auto parts store who helped pull out five toddlers, said the father of one of the children

rammed his pickup truck through a wall.

"I didn't sleep last night. I've never gone through anything like that in all my life," he said Saturday.

The death toll rose to 35 after several children died overnight. At least 41 children and six adults were hospitalized after Friday's fire in ABC day care in the city of Hermosillo, Sonora state Gov. Eduardo Bours said. The adults included staffers at the day care and civilians who tried to help. Some of the children had third-degree burns, an Hermosillo fire department official said.

One child was flown to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento, California, the governor said. Others were sent to a hospital in Guadalajara that has a special burns unit.



Rescue workers put an injured child who was pulled out of a burning day care center into an ambulance in Hermosillo, Mexico, on Friday. Flames engulfed the day care center, killing at least 35 children and injuring dozens.

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Two bodies found near suspected air crash site

The Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Searchers have found two bodies in the Atlantic Ocean near where an Air France jet is believed to have crashed, a Brazilian military official said Saturday.

Air force spokesman Col. Jorge Amaral said searchers also recovered a leather briefcase with an Air France ticket for the flight inside of it. "It was confirmed with Air France that the ticket number corresponds to a passenger on the flight," he said.

Flight 447 disappeared Sunday with 228 people on board and officials believe there were no survivors.

The two male bodies were recovered Saturday morning about 45 miles south of where Air Flight 447 emitted its last signals — roughly 400 miles northeast of the Fernando de Noronha islands

off Brazil's northern coast.

Also on Saturday, the French agency investigating the disaster said Air France had not acted on a recommendation to change airspeed-detecting instruments on Flight 447 before the plane crashed.

The French accident investigation agency, BEA, found the doomed plane received inconsistent airspeed readings by different instruments as it struggled in a massive thunderstorm on its flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris with 228 people aboard.

Airbus had recommended to all its airline customers that they replace speed-measuring instruments known as Pitot tubes on the A330, the model that crashed, said Paul-Louis Arslanian, the head of the agency.

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IN THE STATES

Drug war plan: Improve intel, weapons

By TIM KORTE

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Obama administration officials said Friday they will devote more resources to fighting Mexican drug cartels and use new technology to thwart them while trying to quell the U.S. demand for drugs that fuel the violent gangs.

Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced a 2009 counternarcotics strategy at a press conference with White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske. Holder called it "an effective way forward that will crack down on cartels and make our country safer."

The strategy calls for a number of steps along the U.S.-Mexico border to combat and detect smugglers, including:

- Building visual shields near border-crossing points so drug cartel spotters can't alert approaching motorists about inspections.

- Improving nonlethal weapons technology to help officers incapacitate suspects and disable motor vehicles and boats used by traffickers.

- Revive an interagency working group to coordinate intelligence.

- Use more intelligence analysts to ferret out drug-dealing networks.

The plan is outlined in a document to be sent to Congress.

The drug strategy's long-range goals include developing new technology to process biometric information from documents used by Mexicans crossing the border. That would



CRAIG FRITZ/AP

From left, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Gil Kerlikowske, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano speak at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M., on Friday.

allow Customs and Border Patrol officers to run fingerprint checks on Mexicans who have border crossing cards to enter the U.S.

The Obama administration has pledged to provide more help in the effort, sending additional federal agents, officers and equipment to the border and to Mexico.

Napolitano said the U.S. strategy would also

focus on reducing demand from drug users. The plan includes improved ways for federal agencies to share information with state and local law enforcement.

"We can't just fight drugs at the border. We can't just fight drugs by fighting traffickers. We must fight drugs in the United States," Napolitano said.

ATF, DEA still need to fill top positions

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's new strategy to help fight Mexican drug cartels is getting under way without presidential picks to run the U.S. agencies in charge of battling drugs, border smuggling and illegal guns.

The White House has not nominated anyone to lead the Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs and Border Protection, or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

For now, career officials are acting in a temporary capacity as agency heads even as the White House pledges an all-out attack on the drug cartels that threaten to destabilize Mexico and expand operations in the United States.

Bradley Buckles, former head of the ATF under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, said running the agency without a confirmed leader "is a very difficult process."

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Raimi turns to evil again with ‘DRAG ME TO HELL’

By DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

When it came to watching horror movies as a kid, Sam Raimi was a scaredy cat.

Raimi, who staked his reputation on the low-budget terror tale “The Evil Dead” and its two follow-ups, has taken a break from his blockbuster “Spider-Man” franchise to return to his horror roots with “Drag Me to Hell.” He never liked fright flicks growing up, though.

In an interview at the Cannes Film Festival, where “Drag Me to Hell” played ahead of its theatrical release, Raimi recalled seeing the 1972 thriller “The Others,” about a good boy with an evil, undead twin.

“I started screaming in the theater, and my mother realized she had made a mistake to take me there,” Raimi said. “I was ruining the theater for everybody. I was the worst horror movie audience, because I would be so vocal and too scared.”

In college, though, Raimi, acting pal Bruce Campbell and producing partner Rob Tapert decided horror was the way to break into the business, since scary movies were the only low-budget films generally shown in theaters in the late 1970s.

Tapert, a producer on “Drag Me to Hell,” took Raimi to see John Carpenter’s “Halloween,” then asked if he could make a horror movie as good as that.

“I said, ‘Uh, no, I definitely can’t make a movie that good.’ I had no idea how good these things were,” Raimi said. “I didn’t know that was the exceptionally good picture for horror. But then I kept watching drive-in movies to learn how they were put together, and I realized, I can make a movie as good as some of these, actually.”

“The Evil Dead,” starring Campbell among a group of friends who unleash an ancient force that zombifies them on a trip to the woods, was shot on a tiny \$380,000 budget.

Its mix of gore, terror and laughs helped make it a cult classic. Raimi has maintained a similar blend of thrills and humor in such movies as “Darkman,” “A Simple Plan” and “The Quick and the Dead.”

The same is true of “Drag Me to Hell,” starring Alison Lohman as a bank loan officer damned by a gypsy curse. During a close-quarters fight with the old crone who condemns her, Lohman’s character suddenly finds herself being gummed on the chin by the hag, whose dentures have been knocked out.

“Sam has such a great imagination,” Lohman said. “What he comes up with is just, it’s very witty, but at the same time it’s just off the wall. You come to work, and you have to be suckled by this woman’s mouth on my chin. It’s just so weird.”

Raimi was part of the official program; “Drag Me to Hell” had a glitzy red-carpet premiere at the Palais, the festival headquarters. Raimi said he worried his little horror tale might besmirch the reputation of the world’s most prestigious film fest.

“I just assumed they had a much fancier, higher caliber of pictures here. I’m a little disappointed,” Raimi joked. “I just didn’t know what kind of crowd there would be, if they would be slightly resentful that the committee that chose these pictures chose something like this to bring to the Palais, but apparently, their standards have lowered. No, I never saw such a great audience. A great audience that wanted to love cinema. So my fears were misplaced.”



AP

American director Sam Raimi said during an interview at the Cannes Film Festival that he didn’t think he could make horror flicks after going to a showing of “Halloween” while in college. “But then I kept watching drive-in movies to learn how they were put together, and I realized, I can make a movie as good as some of these, actually.”



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ALISON LOHMAN STARS AS CHRISTINE BROWN IN THE HORROR FILM, “DRAG ME TO HELL.” SHE SAYS OF RAIMI, “SAM HAS SUCH A GREAT IMAGINATION. WHAT HE COMES UP WITH IS JUST, IT’S VERY WITTY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT’S JUST OFF THE WALL.”

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

By GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ
Stars and Stripes

Amid the blast walls and cacophony of Baghdad, patients at a local clinic are receiving potentially groundbreaking stem cell therapy, treatments that remain illegal and unproven in many countries.

Dr. Abdul Majeed Alwan Hammadi is conducting the treatments for free, mostly on young Iraqis. He is a clinical hematologist who works in the Bone Marrow Transplant Center, part of Baghdad's Medical City complex of hospitals on the eastern banks of the Tigris River.

Hammadi says he started therapies in 2008 and has so far treated 34 patients, the majority for multiple sclerosis.

Unlike the more controversial embryonic stem cells, Hammadi's therapy uses a person's own adult stem cells, which researchers believe may contain various regenerative and adaptive properties that potentially hold the key to curing a number of diseases.

Hammadi, who graduated from a medical college in Baghdad, claims no side effects have been reported in his patients. He said he is in the process of collecting his data for publication, while also seeking official license for the therapies from Iraq's Ministry of Health, which funds the center.

One of Hammadi's patients and proponents of the therapy is the Rev. Andrew White, a British priest who runs St. George Church on Baghdad's Haifa Street.

White was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998 and said his vision, speech and motor skills were steadily degenerating until he began Hammadi's therapy in January.

White helped Hammadi establish the bone marrow center in Baghdad in 2001, bringing the doctor and his staff to England for training in marrow transplant techniques.

White said his slurred speech and other MS symptoms improved since starting the three-hour therapy sessions, which involves Hammadi extracting adult stem cells from White's blood and then injecting them into his spinal cord.

It is unknown why MS causes

Battling MS in Baghdad

Iraqi doctor uses stem cell therapies to help treat patients' diseases

the body's immune system to attack the protective coating around nerve fibers, known as myelin, which results in nerve damage and loss of motor functions. The condition's severity varies, with some people improving on their own while others continue to degenerate.

The potential benefits of stem cell therapy for MS are still being analyzed and researched in the Western world, but White said he accepted Hammadi's offer for treatment because his symptoms were so severe and he trusted his friend.

"When there's no other treatment, you kind of just go with it," White said. "At least there's a chance."

White said the therapy itself "can be a bit painful" since it involves a spinal cord puncture, but there has been a "massive difference" in his condition.

"It's very rare for me to actually feel ill now," he said. "My balance is still quite bad and my vision is not perfect, but I do not feel ill."

MS doctors and researchers believe stem cell therapies could pose benefits for those suffering from the disease, but the research is still unproven at this point, according to Dr. Patricia O'Looney, vice president of biomedical research for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's research and clinical program department.

One theory is that a person's adult stem cells can work to rebuild the myelin around nerve fibers that is eaten away by a person's immune system under MS, halting any further damage.

Hammadi said he is the only doctor in Iraq performing such therapies, but that there are similar operations being performed

in Iran and Lebanon.

At this point, the therapies aren't proven, and any side effects from the treatments are unknown, O'Looney said. "We're seeing a wide range of results [at the stem cell clinics], which tells us there might be a hint of benefit, but what we need to do of course is a larger study to really understand if stem cell therapy is beneficial," she said, adding that because stem cell research is only about 10 years old, enough isn't known yet about the cells. "We do discourage anyone with MS from going to these so-called stem cell clinics," O'Looney said.

But for patients like White and others suffering from the disease, waiting for the research to come through can be too much to bear.

Part of some patients' sense of urgency comes from the disease's unpredictability. Sometimes the disease goes into remission on its own; sometimes a patient is in a wheelchair within 10 years of being diagnosed.

As a result, MS sufferers have sought out a variety of cures over the years, O'Looney said. "If you flash back 25 years ago before [current MS therapies], people were using snake venom or bee stings."

Stem cell clinics based on untested science can also give false hope to those with MS, O'Looney



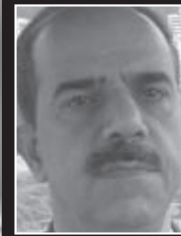
"When there's no other treatment, you kind of just go with it."

Rev. Andrew White
Priest at Baghdad's St. George Church undergoing stem cell treatment



ILLUSTRATION BY BEV SCHILLING/Stars and Stripes

Adult stem cells are extracted from a patient's own blood and then injected back into the patient's spinal cord.



Dr. Abdul Majeed Alwan Hammadi, left, a hematologist at the Bone Marrow Transplant Center in Baghdad, has treated 34 patients, most of whom have multiple sclerosis, using stem cell therapy.

JEFF MILLER/Courtesy of the University of Wisconsin-Madison

said, and positive results like White's could be due to a number of factors, from pre-existing therapy regimens to the body's immune system correcting itself on its own. "Just because someone switched from tomato juice to orange juice in the morning and feels better doesn't mean it's the orange juice," she said. "The body does have the capability to

repair itself."

But for some patients like White, hope is all there is when dealing with MS. No matter where the treatment takes place.

"In the midst of the war zone, I get such high-tech treatment," he said. "I can go to Baghdad and get it."

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YOUR MONEY

Saying 'I do' to prenups may be smart



CANDICE CHOI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If celebrity love lives were morality tales, the prevailing lesson would be: Don't forget the prenup.

It's a message that should resonate with a wide swath of the population. With so many more blended families and dual-income households, family finances have become more complicated across the board.

A prenuptial agreement can lessen the potential for a messy divorce by spelling out each party's rights to assets brought into the marriage, as well as those acquired as a couple.

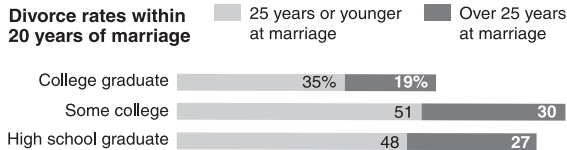
"What you're doing is deciding exactly how you're going to treat your assets, rather than having state laws decide for you," said Gary Nickelson, president of the Chicago-based American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Coming to terms with whether you need a prenup is only a first step, however. You and your partner then need to lay bare your finances and voice expectations for what could be an ugly scenario. Finally, you'll need to find an attorney to put it all in writing.

As uncomfortable as it sounds, it's a

Age, education are factors for divorce

Both age and education influence divorce rates. Couples 25 or younger at marriage are more likely to divorce.



SOURCE: Adam Isen, University of Pennsylvania

AP

safeguard worth considering for anyone with significant assets.

So before you join the seasonal wave of couples taking their vows, ask whether a prenup makes sense.

Is it right for me?

Prenups aren't just for the fabulously rich. They can play a pivotal role in protecting people at all income levels.

One of the more common reasons to get a prenup is to protect the interests of children from a prior marriage. A sizable portion of assets automatically go to a spouse upon death in most states, but this can be avoided by using a prenup. Unlike wills, a prenup requires your partner to sign off on giving up those rights.

Another scenario when a prenup makes sense is when there's a significant disparity in wealth. It's also worth considering if you or your spouse-to-be owns a small business or a stake in a family business; a prenup can ensure ownership isn't contested in a divorce.

Not everyone needs a prenup, of course.

How much will it cost?

Getting a prenup won't be cheap.

Even for a couple with modest assets, the cost could total a couple thousand dollars. An attorney might charge about \$1,500 to draw up the document, either for a flat fee or at an hourly rate. Your partner would also want a separate attorney to avoid a conflict of interests.

"You're about to waive away certain rights," said Nickelson of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. "I think a lawyer is absolutely necessary for both parties."

What should it cover?

The main purpose of a premarital agreement is sort out who owns what in the event of a divorce.

Typically, any debt someone has when they get married — such as a student loan — will follow them in a divorce. But even a spouse isn't directly liable for their partner's prior debt, creditors might be able to go after shared property such as cars or vacation homes.

A prenup can specify what property or debt will be shared in a marriage. For instance, you might own a home that you want

to remain under your name alone in the event of a divorce. Or you and your partner might agree to commingle all assets each brings into the marriage, as well as those earned in the future.

What can't be covered?

Forget about striking a deal on who gets custody of the kids in a prenup.

"You can't just waive away the rights of children," said Mitchell Karpf, incoming chair of the family law section of the American Bar Association. Essentially, a prenup can't trump public policy.

You could, however, spell out how a child is raised, including the religion that should be observed.

Another taboo subject heading into a lifelong partnership is infidelity. This could be the only topic even more squirm inducing than money.

It's not uncommon to hear of high-profile prenups that include stipulations that void a spouse's alimony rights if caught cheating.

While there's no reason your prenup can't include a similar clause, Karpf cautions that they can be messy and protract legal proceedings.

Is a prenup easy to invalidate?

It seems the only time a prenup makes news is when it's contested, which may give the impression that they're easy to overturn.

That shouldn't be the case if properly executed.

The first step is to allow ample time to think over the terms. Getting a prenup shoved at you on your wedding day could later give you ground to claim it was signed under duress.

There also needs to be reasonable disclosure. So if you've kept quiet about a \$100,000 savings account, start talking.

How often should a prenup be updated?

As with any legal document, it's a good idea to update your prenup whenever there's a significant change in your circumstances.

This might include the birth of a child, an inheritance or a career change. Such life-altering events might be grounds for invalidating certain financial agreements made in a prenup.

"Prenups can become outdated," said Womack. "The court might decide the document is no longer appropriate under changed circumstances."

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

| 52-week | | Name | Last | Net Chg | Chg % | YTD Chg % | 52-wk |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|
| High | Low | | | | | | |
| 12,638.08 | 6,469.95 | Dow Jones Industrials | 8,763.13 | +12.89 | +15 | -15 | -28.23 |
| 5,492.95 | 2,134.21 | Dow Jones Transportation | 3,349.98 | +11.24 | +34 | -5.29 | -36.19 |
| 528.07 | 288.66 | Dow Jones Utilities | 344.60 | -28 | -8 | -7.06 | -32.61 |
| 9,408.76 | 4,181.75 | NYSE Composite | 6,082.64 | -28.12 | -46 | +5.66 | -33.54 |
| 2,379.19 | 1,130.47 | Amex Index | 1,609.79 | -17.21 | -1.06 | +15.19 | -31.61 |
| 2,549.94 | 1,265.52 | Nasdaq Composite | 1,849.42 | -60 | -0.3 | +17.27 | -25.26 |
| 1,404.05 | 666.79 | S&P 500 | 940.09 | -2.37 | -25 | +4.08 | -30.81 |
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| 14,339.97 | 6,772.29 | Wilshire 5000 | 9,655.24 | -19.97 | -21 | +6.25 | -30.66 |
| 764.38 | 342.59 | Russell 2000 | 530.36 | -1.31 | -25 | +6.19 | -28.37 |

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EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Euro costs (June 8) |\$1.4558 |
| Dollar buys (June 8) |€ 0.6869 |
| British pound (June 8) |\$1.67 |
| Japanese yen (June 8) |¥ 140.00 |
| South Korean won (June 8) |₩ 1,213.00 |

| Commercial rates | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Bahrain (Dinar) |0.3770 |
| British pound |\$1.6018 |
| Canada (Dollar) |1.1122 |
| China (Yuan) |¥ 6.8335 |
| Denmark (Krone) |\$3.107 |
| Egypt (Pound) |£ 5.5985 |
| Euro |€ 0.7130 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) |\$1.4025 |
| Hungary (Forint) |HUF 205.55 |
| Israel (Shekel) |₪ 3.9640 |
| Japan (Yen) |¥ 97.80 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) |KD 0.2886 |
| Norway (Krone) |NOK 6.3905 |
| Philippines (Peso) |₱ 47.21 |
| Poland (Zloty) |zł 3.26 |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) |SAR 3.7502 |
| Singapore (Dollar) |S\$ 1.4517 |
| South Korea (Won) |₩ 1,242.35 |
| Switzerland (Franc) |CHF 1.0828 |
| Thailand (Baht) |฿ 34.23 |
| Turkey (New Lira) |TL 1.5399 |

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

| New York Merc close | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Gold |\$961.70 |
| Silver |\$15.376 |

INTEREST RATES

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Prime rate |3.25 |
| Discount rate |0.50 |
| Federal funds market rate |0.00-0.25 |
| 3-month bill |0.17 |
| 30-year bond |4.64 |

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

Abortion doctor's funeral draws hundreds

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Hundreds of people gathered Saturday to honor slain abortion provider Dr. George Tiller, and a longtime friend eulogized him as a passionate and generous man who repeatedly overcame difficult challenges.

Tiller's funeral at College Hill United Methodist Church also drew small groups of protesters.

During the service, Tiller was remembered for his generosity and sense of humor.

About 700 people filled the church sanctuary and some 200 others watched a closed-circuit television broadcast in another room.

A large portrait of Tiller hung at the front of the sanctuary, and nearby was a wreath of flowers with the words "TRUST WOMEN." Some mourners wore buttons that said "Attitude is

Everything."

Tiller's clinic in Wichita was among a few in the U.S. performing third-trimester abortions, and that made it a target of regular protests. Most were peaceful, but his clinic was bombed in 1986, and he was shot in both arms in 1993.

Last Sunday, Tiller was killed by a gunshot in his own church, Reformation Lutheran, while serving as an usher for its service.

Scott Roeder, a 51-year-old abortion opponent, was arrested a few hours after the shooting just outside Kansas City. He was charged two days later with the attack at the church.

Most anti-abortion groups avoided the funeral, having denounced Tiller's shooting.

The service also drew 50 motorcyclists from the American Legion Riders, who honored Tiller's service in the Navy. Their leader, Cregg Hansen, also from



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Protesters from Rev. Fred Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church demonstrate during funeral services for Dr. George Tiller Saturday at College Hill United Methodist Church.

Derby, said Tiller's family asked them to be there.

"We don't get involved in politics," Hansen said. "We're here 120 percent for the veterans."



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

The casket containing the body of Dr. George Tiller is taken into the College Hill United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kan., on Saturday, Tiller, 67, was shot in the head last Sunday as he handed out programs while ushering at Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Yesterday's U.S. temperatures

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Abilene, Tex. 90 72 cdy
Akron, Ohio 72 49 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 70 59 clr
Albuquerque 89 62 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 60 56 .26 cdy
Amarillo 87 62 .02 cdy
Anchorage 57 46 clr
Asheville 74 57 cdy
Atlanta 81 63 cdy
Atlantic City 61 58 1.50 cdy
Austin 92 61 clr
Baltimore 62 59 .45 cdy
Baton Rouge 82 59 clr
Billings 65 44 .10 rn
Birmingham 74 56 clr
Bismarck 58 45 rn
Boise 75 54 .11 rn
Boston 64 54 .01 cdy
Bridgeport 59 56 .81 cdy
Brownsville 92 73 clr
Buffalo 75 53 cdy
Burlington, Vt. 75 49 clr
Caribou, Maine 73 49 rn
Casper 74 44 .01 clr
Charleston, S.C. 88 70 .47 cdy
Charleston, W.Va. 63 56 .01 cdy
Charlotte, N.C. 81 63 1.96 cdy
Chattanooga 74 57 clr
Cheyenne 70 48 cdy
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Concord, N.H. 70 52 cdy
Corpus Christi 90 66 cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth 89 69 cdy
Dayton 74 50 clr
Daytona Beach 87 70 .54 rn
Denver 78 50 .04 cdy

Des Moines 81 61 .20 rn
Detroit 74 53 cdy
Duluth 59 37 cdy
El Paso 96 66 cdy
Elkins 65 54 .29 clr
Erie 69 53 cdy
Evansville 63 53 rn
Fairbanks 75 55 .15 cdy
Fargo 58 34 rn
Flagstaff 68 49 clr
Flint 74 50 cdy
Fort Smith 83 62 cdy
Fort Wayne 75 54 cdy
Fresno 75 56 cdy
Goodland 84 56 cdy
Grand Junction 85 53 cdy
Grand Rapids 75 54 cdy
Great Falls 70 38 rn
Green Bay 79 44 rn
Greensboro, N.C. 72 62 1.16 cdy
Harrisburg 61 58 .36 cdy
Hartford Spgflld 64 50 .03 cdy
Helena 72 43 .05 rn
Honolulu 91 79 clr
Houston 90 66 clr
Huntsville 80 55 cdy
Indianapolis 74 53 cdy
Jackson, Miss. 80 56 .02 clr
Jacksonville 83 70 1.14 rn
Juneau 77 44 clr
Kansas City 80 66 clr
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Knoxville 72 58 .01 clr
Lake Charles 87 62 clr
Lansing 75 51 cdy
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Lexington 74 49 clr
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Little Rock 82 58 clr
Los Angeles 71 60 .13 cdy
Louisville 76 52 clr
Lubbock 94 70 cdy

Macon 83 66 .89 cdy
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Missoula 82 54 .01 rn
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Montgomery 75 60 .03 clr
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Santa Fe 87 55 cdy
St Ste Marie 73 39 .05 cdy
Savannah 84 70 .40 rn
Seattle 68 58 rn
Shreveport 83 60 cdy
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Tupelo 80 53 clr
Waco 91 66 cdy
Washington, D.C. 63 61 .33 cdy
W. Palm Beach 90 72 1.77 rn
Wichita 88 69 clr
Wilmington, Del. 62 58 .43 cdy
Yakima 87 64 cdy
Youngstown 70 49 cdy

National Temperature Extremes
High: Fri., 103, Pecos, Texas
Low: Sat., 20, Bryce Canyon, Utah

The graphic of the U.S. weather map did not arrive from the Associated Press in time to meet today's deadlines.

MONDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

Note to readers

After our recent changes to the weather page, several readers told us it was a mistake to drop the list of U.S. cities' temperatures and conditions from the page. We agree. Starting today, the weather page will contain this information again.

Yesterday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather
Amsterdam, 57 43 rn
Athens, 82 59 clr
Auckland, 57 33 pc
Baghdad, 109 80 clr
Basra, 109 85 clr
Bahrain, 101 88 clr
Bangkok, 89 79 pc
Barbados, 88 62 pc
Barcelona, 75 65 rn
Beijing, 89 62 clr
Beirut, 84 68 clr
Belgrade, 78 47 rn
Berlin, 59 41 pc

Bermuda, 80 71 rn
Bogota, 62 53 rn
Brazilia, 81 58 pc
Brisbane, 73 56 clr
Brussels, 58 44 pc
Bucharest, 76 50 rn
Budapest, 68 44 rn
Buenos Aires, 64 50 clr
Cairo, 101 74 clr
Calgary, 40 33 sn
Caracas, 89 78 rn
Colombo, 86 75 rn
Copenhagen, 55 41 rn
Dhahran, 114 82 clr

Dhaka, 94 79 clr
Dili, 90 70 clr
Dubai, 95 78 clr
Dublin, 59 45 pc
Frankfurt, 62 46 pc
Geneva, 72 50 rn
Guatemala, 80 64 pc
Hanoi, 91 78 rn
Harare, 76 50 clr
Havana, 87 69 rn
Helsinki, 46 39 rn
Hong Kong, 89 77 clr
Islamabad, 102 73 rn
Istanbul, 114 82 clr

Jakarta, 90 75 pc
Jerusalem, 89 68 pc
Johannesburg, 69 44 clr
Kabul, 75 51 rn
Kiev, 67 48 rn
Kuala Lumpur, 94 78 pc
Kuwait, 114 77 clr
La Paz, 61 21 clr
Lima, 66 60 cdy
Lisbon, 68 62 rn
London, 57 50 rn
Madrid, 75 60 rn
Managua, 91 77 rn
Manila, 88 77 rn

Mecca, 112 88 pc
Melbourne, 60 41 pc
Mexico City, 80 51 clr
Montevideo, 57 43 pc
Montreal, 74 46 clr
Moscow, 62 44 rn
Nairobi, 73 58 rn
Nassau, 87 78 rn
New Delhi, 107 91 rn
Nice, 74 66 rn
Osaka, 68 66 rn
Oslo, 59 39 rn
Panama, 84 75 rn
Paris, 64 42 pc

Perth, 67 40 clr
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Rome, 82 64 pc
San Jose, 82 67 rn
San Juan, 89 76 rn
San Salvador, 91 70 pc
Santiago, 76 34 clr
Sao Paulo, 78 52 clr
Sapporo, 70 55 rn
Seoul, 82 55 clr
Singapore, 91 81 pc
Sofia, 78 54 rn
Stockholm, 50 39 rn

Sydney, 68 55 pc
Taipei, 82 71 rn
Tegucigalpa, 84 61 rn
Tehran, 91 69 clr
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Don't have to agree personally

Regarding the June 1 letter "Law can change, minds won't": I would like to start with the statement that I am not, and could not ever be, reasonably identified as a "politically correct" sailor. Additionally, I do not, in any fashion, support gay rights. I oppose them.

However, as a leader, I will support the policies as I am directed by the superior officers (and the commander in chief) over me. I have sworn an oath to uphold those orders. As has the letter writer.

Recently I facilitated training for new petty officers (POs) in the U.S. Navy. As one of the topics, I have addressed "Courage" as one of the Core Values of the Navy. As I explained to the new POs, sometimes their leaders may convey policies and procedures that may be contrary to their beliefs and standards. It takes "Courage" to stand in front of subordinates and "sell" a policy/procedure that the leader may not agree with and may have "vehemently" opposed. But to verbalize that opposition of the orders from those senior to me undermines the authority of my seniors.

It also takes courage to take the side of disagreement. If the letter writer needs to "stand up in the middle of the mandatory sensitivity training," then so be it. But he should have the "Courage" and "Commitment" to his values to accept the consequences of his actions. History has proved the negative results of "just following orders."

This is not a military political experimentation; our top brass will be directed

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in the way that we will implement those orders. Of course Adm. Michael Mullen will follow new policy. He has also taken an oath to do no less.

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Limits of individual's authority

In response to the letter "Law can change, minds won't": I agree with the writer completely that homosexuality is

a choice, much like religion. Does he also feel offended and that his moral views are being "assaulted" when other people of different faiths go to church? Personally, I don't care what soldiers do (i.e. who they date, what they eat, what God they pray to) as long as they show up, do their job, and don't hurt themselves or anyone else. The mission comes first.

Our leaders shouldn't have to "force" us into compliance for anything. I raised my hand and took an oath to obey all lawful orders by those appointed over me. The reason equal opportunity training, or "sensitivity training" as the writer calls it, is mandatory in the military is to stress the importance of protecting everyone's constitutional rights. How would it make any person feel if the Army decided its official religion was one different from his or her own, and that person wasn't allowed to openly practice his or her religion?

Nobody has the moral, legal or spiritual authority to decide how someone else lives his or her life. Besides, how does it possibly (realistically) affect the rest of us if two men, or two women decide they want to live their lives differently than we do? People can go on complaining about the way other people live their life, or they can understand that, in the end, they are not who is going to be judging those people, and they have no right to do it now. Besides, how does it hurt the rest of us to afford someone else the same rights we have?

Spc. Jason Richmond
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When airplanes fall out of the sky

a while later, he said that we didn't have enough fuel to go to another airport. The message was clear: We had to land at Buenos Aires. This time it was the passengers who exchanged grim smiles.

Sometimes it's better not to know. Flying Pan Am a few years before it went out of business, I marveled at a landing at JFK, so smooth. ... Later, I found myself sitting next to the pilot in the waiting area. He was a tanned veteran, exuding ... confidence. He talked about the principles of flight, and as I listened to his explanations, I realized ... he didn't know how his plane flew!

And sometimes incidents leave nothing to the imagination. Twenty years ago, my research adviser was on an Aloha Airlines jet for the short hop from Hilo to Honolulu. It was a flight I'd taken many times after working at the observatory on Mauna Kea. At 24,000 feet, the 737 suffered explosive decompression and the cabin started peeling open like a sardine can. The flight attendant who had just served my adviser a drink was sucked out of the plane and died. Two degrees of separation is too close.

But despite such incidents, air travel is fantastically safe. The death rate is about 1 fatality per 50 million passenger miles, making it 20 times safer than driving, ac-

cording to a 2004 study by Harry Mantakos of Meretrix Technologies. ... The few times when planes fall from the sky — the Japan Airlines flight in 1985 suffering a bulkhead rupture and crashing into the side of a mountain, terrorism on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 — resonate because they are so rare.

However, there is the possibility of failure any time human judgment and technology come into contact.

Once, when I was flying out of LAX on Lufthansa, the pilot announced a storm ahead and noted that we would "penetrate the thunderhead." In his clipped German tone there was confidence, and just a hint of hubris. Air France Flight 447 flew directly into an intense storm, passing through a "thunderous zone with strong turbulence," according to the air carrier. ... It's possible that its fly-by-wire system was ill-suited to handle such changes in aerodynamic conditions or was incapacitated by lightning.

This accident serves to remind us that our technology is impressive, but it's not invulnerable. A little more respect for the power of nature wouldn't be out of place.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Right vs. left thinking is the wrong direction

The first thing that happens in a revolutionary era is the great figures of the old era get discredited.

So said Joshua Cooper Ramo, author of the compelling new book "The Age of the Unthinkable: Why the New World Disorder Constantly Surprises Us and What We Can Do About It," on Fareed Zakaria's CNN show.

Arianna Huffington



And, he might have added, so do the old era's once-sacred media tropes. I've been writing for a while about the media's reluctance to give up its reliance on looking at every issue through a right vs. left frame (and assuming the truth is to be found by splitting the difference).

But the country's shift away from right vs. left thinking and toward a right vs. wrong frame continues to gain momentum — making it harder and harder to keep pushing the discredited meme.

The latest examples of the discrediting can be found in the current fights over gay marriage, health care and the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor.

Not that long ago, gay marriage was a dependable wedge issue Republicans could use to keep its base in line. But, in the wake of the May 26 Prop 8 ruling, that wedge is clearly splintering.

All you have to do is look at Dick Cheney who, speaking at the National Press Club last week, said, "I think freedom means freedom for everyone." Cheney said he supports gay marriage as long as it's sanctioned at the state level — a more progressive position than President Barack Obama's current civil-unions-not-marriage stance.

And then we have the strange-bedfellows pairing of Ted Olson and David Boies. The Bush v. Gore adversaries have teamed up, filing a federal lawsuit they hope will lead to a Supreme Court ruling allowing gays and lesbians to get married in every state.

"We wanted to send a message," Olson explained to Larry King, "to the American people and to the courts that this isn't a Republican or a Democrat issue. It's not a liberal or a conservative issue. The right of individuals committed to one another to live in a stable, committed, loving relationship is something that we should all respect and be for."

Interestingly, a number of traditionally progressive groups, including the ACLU, oppose the Olson/Boies approach, fearing the Supreme Court is not ready to rule in favor of gay marriage.

This line of thinking brought together two pundits not usually found on the same side of an issue, George Will and Paul Krugman. During the roundtable on "This Week With George Stephanopoulos," Will argued that the Olson/Boies suit was premature and that the democratic process, which is moving toward acceptance of gay marriage faster than anybody had anticipated, should be allowed to move forward without the courts getting involved — to which Krugman responded: "I agree with George."

So while the timing of the lawyers' lawsuit may be open to debate, the value of the left/right conceit as a way to explain the battle lines in the gay marriage fight no longer is.

Same with health care. Even as many in the media are licking their chops in antici-

pation of a replay of the Clinton-era fight over health care (TV producers are cuing up the old Harry and Louise ads as we speak), the American people are making that take on the debate as antiquated as fax machines, Wite-Out and 8-tracks.

A new CNN poll shows that a large majority of Americans — 69 percent — say they would favor greater government influence over the country's health care system if it would lower costs and provide coverage to more people. In addition, 62 percent of the public thinks the federal government should guarantee health care for all Americans. ...

Equally telling is the growing number of business executives who would love to see the government take on more of the burden of providing health care. Most are keeping their feelings on the down low but, according to Benjamin Sasse, a former assistant secretary of HHS under Bush 43, in private "CEOs overwhelmingly want out of this (health insurance providing) business." And why wouldn't they, with insurance premiums charged to employers rising 119 percent over the last 10 years?

As for the Sotomayor nomination, so far the biggest fight hasn't been between the right and the left — it's been between the right and the far right.

So while "old era" figures like Limbaugh, Newt Gingrich, James Inhofe and Tom Tancredo have been foaming at the mouth, the most noteworthy pushback to their over-the-top charges has come not from progressives but from GOP Sens. John Cornyn and Jeff Sessions.

"Neither one of these men are elected Republican officials," said Cornyn, speaking of Limbaugh and Gingrich's playing of the race card. "I just don't think it's appropriate and I certainly don't endorse it. I think it's wrong."

And Sessions, the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, went on "Meet the Press" and praised Sotomayor as "smart," "capable" and having "a good record." ...

Appearing alongside Sessions, Sen. Patrick Leahy illustrated why it's time to consign the left vs. right frame to the political graveyard — especially when it comes to discussing Supreme Court picks:

"I remember some of the liberal groups picketing my office, complaining I was going to vote for Justice [David] Souter and that he would be against women's rights. Well, he's turned out to be, of course, a strong supporter of women's rights."

The seismic shifts in our society have rendered right vs. left thinking as archaic as a flat Earth map. It's time for those in the media using it to navigate this revolutionary era to catch up with the public — and the new realities.

Left seeks to protect those who pose threat

In the wake of the shooting of late-term abortionist George Tiller, President Barack Obama sent out a welcome message that this nation would not tolerate attacks on pro-lifers or any other Americans because of their religion or beliefs.

Ha ha! Just kidding. That was the lead sentence — with minor edits — of a New York Times editorial warning about theoretical hate crimes against Muslims published eight months after 9/11. Can pro-lifers get a hate crimes bill passed and oceans of ink devoted to assuring Americans that "most pro-lifers are peaceful"?

Ann Coulter



For years, we've had to hear about the grave threat that Americans might overreact to a terrorist attack committed by 19 Muslims shouting "Allahu akbar" as they flew commercial jets into American skyscrapers. That would be the equivalent of 19 pro-lifers shouting "Abortion kills a beating heart!" as they gunned down thousands of innocent citizens in Wichita, Kan.

Why aren't liberals rushing to assure us this time that "most pro-lifers are peaceful"? Unlike Muslims, pro-lifers actually are peaceful.

According to recent polling, a majority of Americans oppose abortion — which is consistent with liberals' hysterical refusal to allow us to vote on the subject. In a country with approximately 150 million pro-lifers, five abortionists have been killed since Roe v. Wade.

In that same 36 years, more than 49 million babies have been killed by abortionists. Let's recap that halftime score, sports fans: 49 million to five.

Meanwhile, fewer than 2 million Muslims live in America and, while Muslims are less murderous than abortionists, I'm fairly certain they've killed more than five people in the U.S. in the last 36 years. For some reason, the number "3,000" keeps popping into my head.

So in a country that is more than 50 percent pro-life — and 80 percent opposed to the late-term abortions of the sort performed by Tiller — only five abortionists have been killed. And in a country that is less than 0.5 percent Muslim, several dozen Muslims have killed thousands of Americans.

But the killing of about one abortionist per decade leads liberals to condemn the entire pro-life movement as "domestic terrorists." At least liberals have finally found some terrorists they'd like to send to

Guantanamo.

Tiller ... made millions of dollars performing late-term abortions so gruesome that only two other abortionists — not a squeamish bunch — in the entire country would perform them.

Kansas law allows late-term abortions only to save the mother's life or to prevent "irreversible physical damage" to the mother. But Tiller was more than happy to kill viable babies, provided the mothers: (1) forked over \$5,000; and (2) mentioned "substantial and irreversible conditions," which, in Tiller's view, apparently included not being able to go to concerts or rodeos or being "temporarily depressed" on account of their pregnancies.

In return for blood money from Tiller's profitable abattoir, Democrats ran a political protection racket for the late-term abortionist. In 1997, The Washington Post reported that Tiller attended one of Bill Clinton's White House coffees for major campaign contributors. In addition to a \$25,000 donation to Clinton, Tiller wanted to thank him personally for 30 months of U.S. Marshals' protection paid for by the U.S. taxpayer. ...

Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison also got elected with the help of Tiller's blood money, replacing a Republican who was in the middle of an investigation of Tiller for various crimes including failure to report statutory rapes, despite performing abortions on girls as young as 11.

But soon after Morrison replaced the Republican attorney general, the charges against Tiller were reduced and, in short order, he was acquitted of a few misdemeanors. In what is a not uncommon cost of doing business with Democrats, Morrison is now gone, having been forced to resign when his mistress charged him with sexual harassment and corruption.

Tiller was protected not only by a praetorian guard of elected Democrats, but also by the protective coloration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. ... The official Web page of the ELCA instructs: "A developing life in the womb does not have an absolute right to be born." As long as we're deciding who does and doesn't have an "absolute right to be born," who's to say late-term abortionists have an "absolute right" to live?

I wouldn't kill an abortionist myself, but I wouldn't want to impose my moral values on others. No one is for shooting abortionists. But how will criminalizing men making difficult, often tragic, decisions be an effective means of achieving the goal of reducing the shootings of abortionists?

Following the moral precepts of liberals, I believe the correct position is: If you don't believe in shooting abortionists, then don't shoot one.

Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

Kitten tortured to death in oven

NY NEW YORK — A New York teenager is accused of burning a kitten to death in an oven.

ASPCA official Joe Pentangelo says the animal suffered “an agonizing death.”

Authorities said the 17-year-old tortured the kitten, named Tiger Lily, to get revenge on her ex-girlfriend.

The incident occurred last month. The suspect now faces charges of arson, burglary, criminal trespass and felony aggravated animal cruelty.

Police: Mom stabs bus driver in stroller dispute

LA NEW ORLEANS — Authorities say a woman who was repeatedly asked to fold up her baby’s stroller on a New Orleans city bus refused, then poured milk on the driver before stabbing her in the chest.

New Orleans police and transit officials told The Times-Picayune newspaper that the driver survived a 4-inch deep wound.

Authorities said Darriion Scott, 17, boarded the bus with her 2-year-old baby and was asked to fold up the stroller. Scott tore the top off the baby’s bottle of milk and poured it on the driver before stabbing her, said authorities. She has been charged with aggravated battery.

Woman sentenced for having sex with inmates

NY CANTON — A former Gouverneur Correctional Facility employee will serve weekends in jail for having sex with an inmate.

Lisa Vaughn of Carthage was sentenced to 60 days in jail and 10 years’ probation for third-degree rape. She was accused of sexual intercourse and oral sex with four inmates repeatedly since 2006. She was also accused of sneaking food, cigarettes and postage stamps to inmates. She was a laundry supervisor at the medium-security state prison.

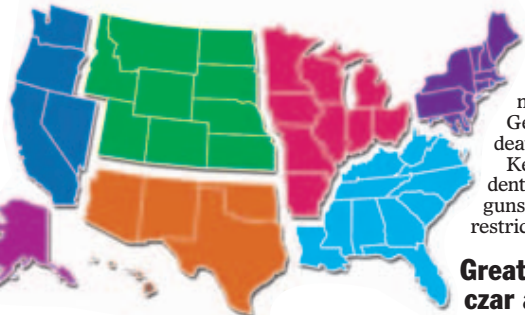
Defense attorney Gary Miles called the 41-year-old Vaughn a victim and said she was coerced by inmates. Two other Gouverneur Correctional Facility employees, 33-year-old Rachael Patterson of Ogdensburg and 38-year-old Laura Douglass of Potsdam, also face charges of having sex with inmates.

City votes to offer IDs for illegal immigrants

CA OAKLAND — Two years after reaffirming its status as a “sanctuary” city, the Oakland City Council voted to create identification cards for illegal immigrants.

The city’s program will be modeled after a similar one in San Francisco, which started giving out cards to undocumented immigrants earlier this year.

Council members said the cards will give illegal immigrants easier access to city and business services, improve their civic participation and encourage them to report



gun ownership. The New Bethel Church event was planned months before Dr. George Tiller was shot to death in a Wichita church. Kentucky allows residents to openly carry guns in public with some restrictions.

Great Lakes czar appointed

MI TRAVERSE CITY — Cameron Davis, leader of a Chicago-based environmental group, has been appointed to oversee President Barack Obama’s initiative to clean up the Great Lakes.

Davis is president of the Alliance for the Great Lakes, one of many organizations that have pushed for a restoration program expected to cost more than \$20 billion. Davis will coordinate efforts of about a dozen federal agencies working on the administration’s Great Lakes project, which deals with issues such as invasive species, polluted harbors, sewage overflows and degraded wildlife habitat.

Teen charged with killing 1, injuring 2

MT HELENA — A Montana teenager is accused of killing another teen and injuring two others in a shooting that police say stemmed from an argument over a girl.

Sebastian Walter Olivares-Coster, 17, of Helena is charged with one count of deliberate homicide and two counts of attempted deliberate homicide. He was being held on \$500,000 bail in a juvenile facility.

The two injured boys, ages 15 and 16, were hospitalized in the shooting. One was in serious condition, the other stable.

Police say the dispute began via text messages over a 15-year-old girl. The injured victims told police the suspect lured them up a hill for a fistfight when he pulled out a gun and shot all three of them, killing 17-year-old Cory Adam Andrews.

Clarinetist sets Guinness World record

NY NEW YORK — An unusual new category has been added to the Guinness World Records: longest career as a clarinetist.

The standard was set by Stanley Drucker, principal clarinetist of the New York Philharmonic, who is retiring at 80 after playing more than 10,000 concerts with the orchestra in his 62-year career.

The new Guinness record was announced just after his performance, with the text: “The longest career as a clarinetist was achieved by Stanley Drucker (USA, b. 4 February 1929) who performed professionally for 62 years, 7 months, 1 day as of June 4, 2009.”

Drucker has been with the orchestra longer than any other Philharmonic musician, heard live by more than 40 million people at more than 10,200 concerts. That’s equivalent to 70 percent of all Philharmonic concerts.

Drucker’s final concert with the orchestra is scheduled for July 31 in Vail, Colo., where the Philharmonic plays during the summer.

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crimes to police. City leaders also anticipate that the cards will prompt more illegal immigrants to open bank accounts rather than keeping their earnings in cash and becoming targets for robbers. The matter of government-issued identification cards for illegal immigrants is controversial nationwide.

“The problem is you have cities who are aiding and abetting people who are violating federal immigration laws,” said Ira Mehlman, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform. “It sends a message that what they are doing is OK.”

Pastor invites people to bring guns to church

KY LOUISVILLE — A Kentucky pastor is inviting his flock to bring guns to church to celebrate the Fourth of July and the Second Amendment.

New Bethel Church is welcoming “responsible handgun owners” to wear their firearms inside the church June 27, a Saturday. An ad says there will be a handgun raffle, patriotic music and information on gun safety.

The guns must be unloaded and private security will check visitors at the door, said pastor Ken Pagano. He said recent church shootings, including the killing of a late-term abortion provider in Kansas, which he condemned, highlight the need to promote safe



You can’t touch this

A dart-poison frog sits in a vivarium in the “Frogs: A Chorus of Many Colors” exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.



Heading home

Husbandry intern Justin Whisante, left, and Georgia Sea Turtle Center veterinarian Terry Norton carry Aussie, a loggerhead turtle, past a crowd before releasing it into the ocean on the beach in Jekyll Island, Ga.

Four endangered sea turtles were released after treatment and recovery from injuries at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center.



Gatsby’s ride for sale

A 1928 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 Ascot Tourer driven by Robert Redford in the 1974 movie of “The Great Gatsby” is shown at The Roger Sherman Park in Greenwich, Conn. The car, which is expected to fetch \$150,000 to \$175,000, is part of the Greenwich Concours d’Elegance auction, a sale of collectors’ motorcars.



Beach patrol

More than 4,000 elementary students gathered at Dockweiler State Beach in Playa del Rey, Calif., to create a message of protecting the ocean from litter and urban runoff at the 16th annual Kids Ocean Day. The students also took part in a beach clean-up.



Need a shower? Motorists drive down U.S. Highway 21 as water soars into the air in a plume referred to as the "rooster tail" at Lucky Peak Dam outside Boise, Idaho. The display occurs when excess water is diverted through the dam's outlet slide gates before landing in the Boise River.



Job well done 101st Airborne Division commander Maj. Gen. Jeffrey J. Schloesser, center, officially welcomes back his troops after returning to Fort Campbell, Ky. Schloesser returned with 32 other soldiers from the 101st Division's Special Troops Battalion, which has been deployed for 15 months in Afghanistan.



Pretty good view A portion of the International Space Station is backdropped by Earth's horizon and the blackness of space photographed by an Expedition 20 crew member aboard the station.

Police tackle man with loaded gun at mall

ME BANGOR — Police officers say they tackled a man who had a loaded gun and made threats at the Bangor Mall in Maine.

Bangor police were alerted by mall security after a man reported that 24-year-old Brian W. Murphy threatened to shoot him and shoot up the mall.

Officers didn't know Murphy was armed until he attempted to pull a handgun on them. Officers then wrestled the weapon from him. Murphy has been charged with criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon.

Donation of WWII shell spurs shutdown

OH COLUMBUS — A military museum near Columbus, Ohio, got more than it bargained for when the widow of a World War II veteran tried to donate an artillery shell.

Officials evacuated six businesses and temporarily shut down a road as firefighters, police and a bomb squad checked out the 18-inch long shell.

Warren Motts, who runs the Motts Military Museum in Groveport, called firefighters after the 90-year-old woman dropped off the shell.

The woman said her deceased husband had been given the shell as appreciation for his service during World War II and she thought the museum might like it.

4 charged with murder in Wal-Mart shooting

WA TACOMA — Four people are facing murder charges in connection with the slaying of an armored car guard as he carried a money bag out of a Washington state Wal-Mart.

The Pierce County prosecutor's office charged two suspects with first-degree murder and first-degree assault and robbery.

Two others were charged with first-degree murder and first-degree robbery.

Security guard Kurt Husted was shot in the head while leaving a bank branch inside the Wal-Mart in Lakewood, a Tacoma suburb.

Woman accused of leaving kids in hot car

WI RACINE — A Racine, Wis., woman has been charged with leaving her week-old child and her 22-month-old daughter in a hot car while she was tanning herself in a salon.

An employee of the tanning salon saw the children in the car parked behind the business and called police, according to a criminal complaint.

Officers said they measured the temperature in the area of the infant's car seat at 102 F.

The mother, Yolanda E. Kruse, 24, has been charged with two counts of reckless endangerment.

Timely fish tale: Fish coughs up gold watch

HI ELEEE — Hawaii resident Curt Carish boasts a timely fish tale: a 10-inch reef fish

he caught by hand in shallow water coughed up a ticking gold watch.

Carish says he was enjoying a picnic on Port Allen beach when he saw the nenu fish awkwardly swimming close to shore.

So he jumped into the water and hit the nenu with a stick until it went limp.

He then tossed it into a cooler. A friend opened the cooler later to discover a gold watch next to the fish's mouth.

Carish says the watch was ticking and keeping correct time.

Man acquitted of cursing about cat feces

TX TEXAS CITY — A Texas City man accused of using a curse word to describe what cats left behind in his yard has been acquitted of disorderly conduct.

Police had cited Joseph Loflin, 48, over his conversation on a street with a neighbor and the man's 13-year-old daughter.

The Galveston County Daily News reported that Loflin allegedly used a vulgar term for feces three times when talking about their cats messing in his yard.

Loflin said he never meant to incite Michael Rainey or his daughter.

But Rainey says a "little piece of America died" when a jury says it's OK to curse in front of a 13-year-old "when asked not to."

Zoo helps birds breed after failed courtship

VA FRONT ROYAL — When the National Zoo tried to set up a pair of rare white-naped cranes, the date went sour and the lovebirds fought.

Science came to the rescue where romance failed.

Staff at the zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal artificially inseminated the female crane.

A female chick was born last month in what the zoo calls an important step for the threatened species.

The population of white-naped cranes in the wild has fallen to an estimated 5,000 because of the destruction of their native wetland habitat in northeast China.

Boy, 8, arrested after shooting BB gun on bus

ME NORRIDGEWOCK — Law enforcement officials say an 8-year-old boy was taken into custody in Norridgewock after shooting three students and a school bus driver with a BB gun.

Police say no one was seriously hurt.

Somerset County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Carl Gottardi says arrangements were being coordinated by social workers to have the boy evaluated.

The Morning Sentinel newspaper says there were 31 children on the bus that was headed to Mill Stream Elementary school in Norridgewock.

Gottardi says students aged between 5 and 11 were hit in the head and leg areas by plastic pellets. The driver was hit in the head.

Another student wrestled the gun away from the boy.

Horoscope

This is the first peek into a remarkable astrological aspect involving Uranus and Pluto that will take years to line up exactly. The outer planets move slowly and tend to represent larger societal issues that affect everyone. You may sense the change that's coming in the world and get a window into a future that is very different from the present.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8). Your enthusiasm matches your persistence, which is why you make great strides. You'll look in the mirror and realize that you have become who you wanted to be — and then a new image to work toward comes to mind. In July, hone traits of compassion and loyalty. Windfall months are September and March. Cancer and Leo adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're in the mood to frolic by the sea, ride the surf, splash on the shore — so what is this work thing that everyone seems to be asking of you? Well, you'll get your bliss later in the week if you plan for it now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel shy in public, but in your private world, you are assertive and in control. Both sides of you are equally powerful, though, and you're even more effective if you can somehow meld the two tones together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You deserve to feel good; however, for some reason, you haven't paid attention to your basic need for fun and entertainment. It's safe to lower your barriers to pleasure now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A relationship improves because you stop wanting the other person to behave the way you would. It's wonderful that you've shaken free of these expectations. It allows you to delight in your friend for who they are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Quiet, conventional and meticulous — these are not words that you would usually choose to describe yourself. And yet

today, you see the benefit to getting down to some silent and seriously detailed work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Misread signals lead to awkward social discourse. You'll likely see the humor in this, and also the lesson: Don't make assumptions about people based on how you would like them to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're willing to go to classes, read books and confront your so-called "issues" all in the name of finding and keeping love. It all helps, as long as you're enjoying it. If not, take a break and let yourself develop naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are amorous possibilities worth investigating. Singles enjoy flirting with new options and couples do the same. Some couples will deepen their commitment to one another with a shared responsibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a strange feeling to attain a certain success before you feel you have completed the requisite work. But the facts won't lie today. If you reach your goal, good for you. Take it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a lot to celebrate, and celebrate you must. You might be afraid that you won't be able to stop the fun and get back to work, but you're a lot more temperate than you give yourself credit for being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friendships are prone to getting stuck in a rut just like any other entity in life is. You can avoid this by taking action. Veer from familiar activities and topics of conversation. Let your curiosity guide you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is nothing wrong with you. If you feel like changing yourself, that's up to you, but you might be just as happy if you don't. What you need is a little luck, and that's just what happens over the next three days.

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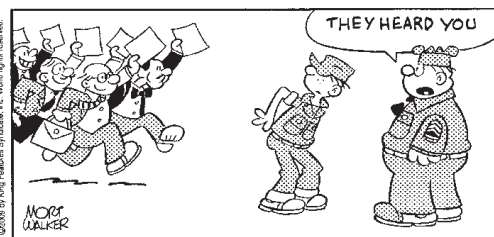
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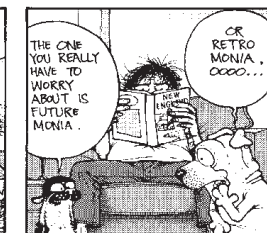
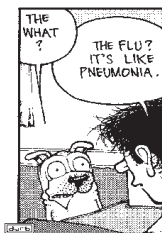
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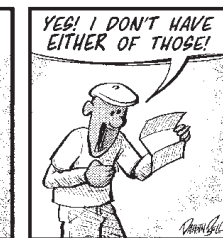
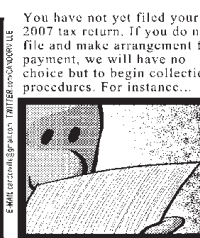
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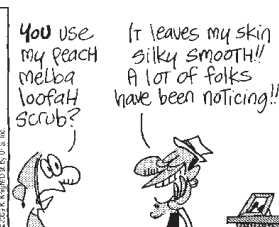
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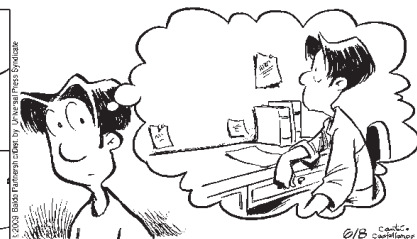
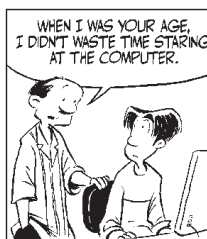
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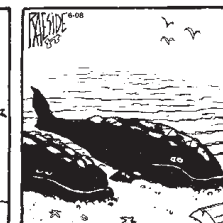
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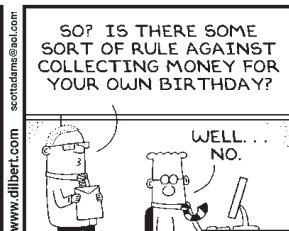
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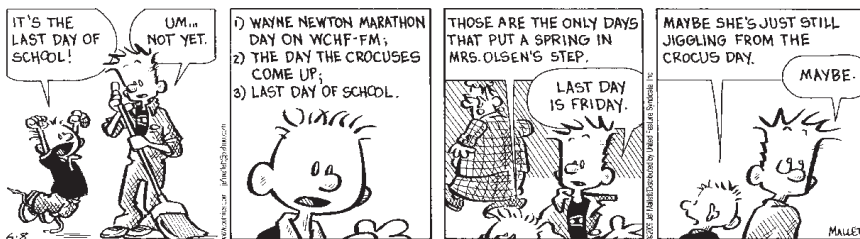
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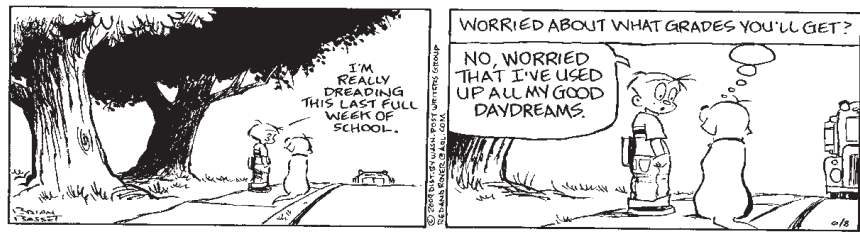
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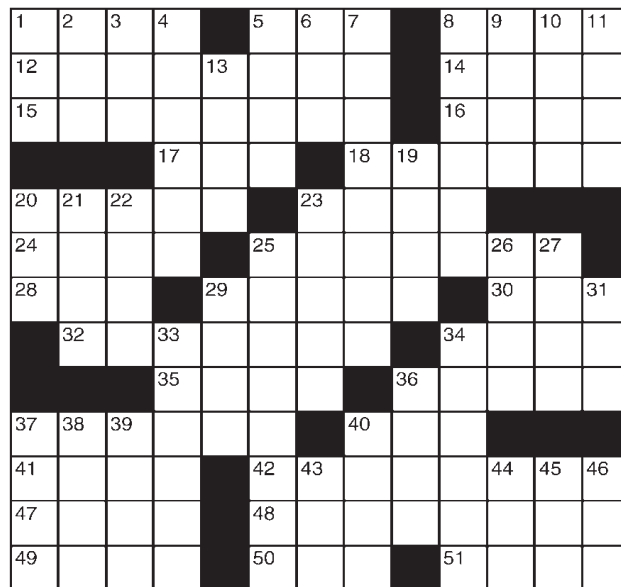
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Better or Worse



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 1 Mid-month date
- 5 Get on
- 8 Tranquil
- 12 Ships' warning noises
- 14 Solo by Sills
- 15 Time saver
- 16 Encounter
- 17 "Monty Python" opener
- 18 Type of monkey
- 20 String quartet member
- 23 Acerbic
- 24 — nitrate
- 25 Beauty contest, e.g.
- 28 Play on words
- 29 Wise ones
- 30 Dine
- 32 Frosty, for one
- 34 Long skirt
- 35 Knocks
- 36 Goosebump-inducing
- 37 Distance
- 40 Pismire
- 41 Neighborhood
- 42 Classical music lover
- 47 Carriage
- 48 Usual
- 49 Hotel furniture
- 50 Marble type
- 51 Needing crutches

DOWN

- 1 Conditions
- 2 Homer's interjection
- 3 Id counterpart
- 4 Piercing
- 5 Curved lines
- 6 Wildebeest
- 7 Female hormone
- 8 Paparazzi's need
- 9 War god
- 10 Stead
- 11 Gymnasts' surfaces
- 13 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 19 Colors
- 20 Upper limit
- 21 Ostriches' kin
- 22 Singer Loretta
- 23 Long stories
- 25 Brochure
- 26 Approach
- 27 Cab
- 29 Bat a gnat
- 31 Dead heat
- 33 Transplanted body parts
- 34 Kind of alcohol
- 36 MIT grad, maybe
- 37 Easter entree
- 38 Ontario neighbor
- 39 Require
- 40 From the top
- 43 Eggs
- 44 Oklahoma city
- 45 "— the Walrus"
- 46 Reuben bread

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I MET MY FUTURE HUSBAND IN A DOWNPOUR, SO MY PET NAME FOR HIM HAS ALWAYS BEEN "RAIN BEAU."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals U

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

| | (AFN-ATLANTIC) | (AFN-FAMILY) | (AFN-MOVIE) | (AFN-NEWS) | (AFN-PACIFIC) | (PENTAGON) | (SPECTRUM) | (AFN-SPORTS) | (XTRA) |
|-------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--|--------|
| 9:00 | (8:00) Sports | The Magic School Bus Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman | (8:52) Movie "She's All That" (1999) Freddie Prinze Jr., Rachael Leigh Cook. | Washington Week | Life on the Way | USARJ This Week | The Universe "Dark Matter" | NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Final Game 5 -- Pittsburgh Penguins at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) | Sports |
| 9:30 | | Codename: Kid | | All Hands TV | T.D. Jakes | FNG Useful benefits. | | | |
| 10:00 | | Archie's Weird Mysteries | | Today's Air Force | Love Worth Finding | Fit For Duty | I Shouldn't Be Alive "Alaskan Avalanche" | | |
| 10:30 | | Growing Pains "The Kid" | (:36) Movie "The Color Purple" (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery. Based on Alice Walker's portrait of a rural black woman. | The Chris Matthews Show Newsroom | The Pure Life "Virginity" | Battleground | | | |
| 11:00 | Sports | Planet's Funniest Animals | | Journal Editorial Report | MotorWeek | Recon Revisited | Extreme Engineering Saving Venice. | | |
| 11:30 | | News Special | | Fox News Watch | At the Movies | Fit For Duty | | | |
| 12:00 | | The Brady Bunch | | Larry King Live | Today's Air Force | Battleground | The Suze Orman Show | Sports | Sports |
| 12:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 13:00 | McLaughlin Group | Movie "Born Free: A New Adventure" (1996) Jonathan Brandis, Ariana Richards. | Movie "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986, Comedy-Drama) Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage, Kevin J. O'Connor. | Geraldo at Large | Ghost Ships | All Hands TV | All-Girl Getaways | | |
| 13:30 | ESPNews | | | | | Week-Pentagon | Quick Fix Meals | | |
| 14:00 | Washington Week | | | | | Recon Revisited | Iron Chef America Chefs compete. | SportsCenter | |
| 14:30 | House Call | (:40) Movie "Bratz Genie Magic" (2006) Voices of Tia Mowry, Soleil Moon Frye. | | Huckabee | Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "South Florida" | The American Veteran | Star Trek: Voyager "Gravity" | SportsCenter | Sports |
| 15:00 | Entertainers | | | | | Fit For Duty | | | |
| 15:30 | | | | | | Battleground | | | |
| 16:00 | Life on the Way | Honey We're Killing the Kids Fried-food diet. | (:17) Movie "Fire Birds" (1990, Action) Nicolas Cage, Tommy Lee Jones. | FOX Report | Dirty Jobs Hawaiian pharmaceutical plant. | Week-Pentagon | Heroes "Six Months Ago" | Sports | |
| 16:30 | T.D. Jakes | | | | | Army Newswatch | | | |
| 17:00 | Love Worth Finding | SpongeBob SquarePants | Movie "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992, Adventure) Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means. | Newsroom | Washington's Generals Daniel Morgan. | The Grill Sergeants | King of the Hill | | Sports |
| 17:30 | The Pure Life "Virginity" | The Fairly OddParents | | Glenn Beck | The Chris Matthews Show | Sun City Soldier | That '70s Show | | |
| 18:00 | Grand Ole Opry Live | Planet Earth "Caves" Cave habitats. | | | ESPNews | Recon | The King of Queens | | |
| 18:30 | | | | | | FNG Useful benefits. | Everybody-Raymond | | |
| 19:00 | MotorWeek | So You Think You Can Dance | Movie "October Sky" (1999, Docudrama) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper. | Newsroom | 20/20 | Today's Air Force | Eli Stone "Two Ministers" | | |
| 19:30 | At the Movies | | | | | Fit For Duty | | | |
| 20:00 | Digging for the Truth The Chavin rule ancient Peru. | Smallville "Prey" Clark looks for a serial killer. | (:40) Movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance" (2000) Will Smith, Matt Damon. A mystical caddy helps an ex-golfer regain his swing. | Week-Pentagon | Medium "Apocalypse ... Now?" | Battleground | Dirty Sexy Money "The Family Lawyer" | | Sports |
| 20:30 | | | | | | Recon Revisited | | | |
| 21:00 | Ghost Ships | 90210 "Help Me, Rhonda" | | All Hands TV | Kitchen Nightmares "Trobiano's" | Week-Pentagon | Dr. 90210 Anniversary. | | |
| 21:30 | | | | Today | | National Guard News | | | |
| 22:00 | Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "South Florida" | Touched by an Angel "The Wind Beneath My Wings" | | CBS News Sunday Morning | Headline News | Around the Services | Seinfeld "The Ticket" | Outside the Lines | Sports |
| 22:30 | | | | | Saturday Night Live | Around the Services | Friends | Sports Reporters | |
| 23:00 | Dirty Jobs Hawaiian pharmaceutical plant. | Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Woman of the Year" | Movie "The Recruit" (2003) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. | | | Around the Services | Law & Order "Monster" | Sports | Sports |
| 23:30 | | | | Face the Nation | | | | | |

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

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|-------|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|
| 00:00 | Washington's Generals "Daniel Morgan" Daniel Morgan. | Planet Earth "Caves" Cave habitats. | (11:00) Movie "The Recruit" (2003) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. | This Week With George Stephanopoulos | Comics Unleashed Two and a Half Men | Around the Services | 24 Terrorist attacks lead Palmer into a day full of anxiety. | (11:00) Sports | (11:00) Sports |
| 00:30 | | | | | | Fit For Duty | | | |
| 1:00 | Sports | So You Think You Can Dance Top 20 dancers are chosen. | (:10) Movie "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982) Sean Penn. California teenagers enjoy malls, sex and rock 'n' roll. | Meet the Press | NCIS "Smoked" | The Benning Report | Grey's Anatomy "What I Am" | | |
| 1:30 | | | | | | The Grill Sergeants | | | |
| 2:00 | | Smallville "Prey" Clark looks for a serial killer. | | America's News HQ | Cold Case "Sandhogs" | VA News | Prison Break "Chicago" | Sports | Sports |
| 2:30 | | | | | | This Week in the Pentagon | | | |
| 3:00 | | 90210 Annie and Ethan's relationship becomes strained. | Movie "October Sky" (1999, Docudrama) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper, Laura Dern. | Newsroom | 20/20 | Army Newswatch | NUMB3RS "The O.G." | Sports | |
| 3:30 | | | | | | FNG Useful benefits. | | | |
| 4:00 | | Touched by an Angel "The Wind Beneath My Wings" | | Your Money | Medium "Apocalypse ... Now?" | Battleground | Seinfeld "The Ticket" | | |
| 4:30 | | | | | | Today's Air Force | Friends | | |
| 5:00 | Sports | Teletubbies | (:40) Movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance" (2000, Drama) Will Smith, Matt Damon. A mystical caddy helps an ex-golfer regain his swing. | America's News HQ | Kitchen Nightmares "Trobiano's" | Recon | Kiana's Flex Appeal | | |
| 5:30 | | Barney & Friends | | | | The American Veteran | Denise Austin's Getting Fit | | |
| 6:00 | | Sesame Street | | Fareed Zakaria GPS | Good Morning America | USARJ This Week | Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives | Sports | |
| 6:30 | | | | | | The Grill Sergeants | Paula's Home Cooking | | |
| 7:00 | | Bear in the Big Blue House | Entertainers | FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace | This Week With George Stephanopoulos | This Week in the Pentagon | Giada at Home | Sports | |
| 7:30 | | Blue's Clues | | | | Army Newswatch | Living Fresh | | |
| 8:00 | Sports | Dora the Explorer | The Big Tease | FOX Report | Sesame Street | Fit For Duty | The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet | | |
| 8:30 | | Handy Manny | Entertainment Tonight | | | Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan. | | | |
| 9:00 | | Bob the Builder | Movie "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997) Julia Roberts. A food critic seeks to sabotage her buddy's nuptials. | State of the Union With John King | The View | | Mad About You "The Recital" | NBA Basketball Finals Game 2 -- Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) | Sports |
| 9:30 | | Hi-5 | | Hannity | Dr. Phil | Fit For Duty | Guiding Light | | |
| 10:00 | | Peep-Big World | | | | FNG Useful benefits. | | | |
| 10:30 | | Curious George | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 | Sports | Movie "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" (1991, Adventure) Voices of Phillip | Movie "The Money Pit" (1986, Comedy) Tom Hanks. A couple's new mansion is a lemon. | Newsroom | Judge Alex | This Week in the Pentagon | El News | | |
| 11:30 | | | | | | Fit For Duty | The Daily 10 | Sports | |
| 12:00 | This Week | | | Huckabee | Everybody Loves Raymond | Battleground | Star Trek "Return of the Archons" | Sports | Sports |
| 12:30 | | Dora the Explorer | (:45) Movie "Elizabeth-town" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Susan Sarandon. A flight attendant helps a man get back on track. | Larry King Live | Judge Judy | Exchange on Air | Roseanne | | |
| 13:00 | Meet the Press | Blue's Clues | | | The Young and the Restless | Briefing Encore | Girlfriends | | |
| 13:30 | | Bear in the Big Blue House | | 60 Minutes | General Hospital | FNG Useful benefits. | Emeril Live | | |
| 14:00 | Wall Street Journal Report | Sesame Street | | | | Recon | | | |
| 14:30 | ESPNews | | | CNN Live | Days of our Lives | Fit For Duty | Designers' Challenge | SportsCenter | Sports |
| 15:00 | Sesame Street | Funniest Home Videos | Movie "Big" (1988) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. A wishing machine turns boy into a man with a job and girlfriend. | | | Battleground | The Soup | | |
| 15:30 | | Planet's Funniest Animals | | This Week in the Pentagon | Oprah Winfrey | Tour of Duty | Fight Quest "USA" Kajukenbo in San Francisco. | Sports | |
| 16:00 | The View | (3:50) Pokémon | | CBS Up to the Minute | | This Week in the Pentagon | | | |
| 16:30 | | (:40) Zatch Bell | | | | VA News | King of the Hill | | Sports |
| 17:00 | Dr. Phil | (:05) The Fairly OddParents | Entertainers | Face the Nation | Wheel of Fortune | Downrange | That '70s Show "Holy Crap" | | |
| 17:30 | Judge Alex | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles | | Newsroom | Jeopardy! | Exchange on Air | Daily Show-Jon Stewart | | |
| 18:00 | | SpongeBob SquarePants | | | Wall Street Journal Report | Army Newswatch | The Colbert Report | | |
| 18:30 | Everybody Loves Raymond | Hannah Montana | | | Around the Services | Briefing Encore | Pushing Daisies "Legend of Merle McQuoddy" | | |
| 19:00 | Access Hollywood | The Naked Brothers Band | Movie "Superhero Movie" (2008, Comedy) Drake Bell, Sara Paxton, Leslie Nielsen. | Fox and Friends First | 60 Minutes | Fit For Duty | Stargate Atlantis "Midway" | | |
| 19:30 | Judge Judy | Suite Life of Zack & Cody | | Today | | Battleground | | | |
| 20:00 | The Young and the Restless | Smallville Lex throws a charity costume ball for the town. | | | Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? | Recon | | | |
| 20:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 21:00 | General Hospital | Everybody Hates Chris | (:37) Movie "The Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute. | Today | NCIS "Agent Afloat" | This Week in the Pentagon | Ghost Whisperer "Ball and Chain" | NBA Basketball Finals Game 2 -- Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Subject to Blackout) | The Contender |
| 21:30 | | The Cosby Show | | | | The Grill Sergeants | | | |
| 22:00 | Days of our Lives | Degrassi: Next Generation | | America's Newsroom | Pacific Report | Briefing Encore | Seinfeld "The Wallet" | Chappelle's Show | |
| 22:30 | | Strange Days-Blake Holsey | | | The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien | Recon Revisited | Friends | The Man Show | |
| 23:00 | Oprah Winfrey | Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Last Chance" | (:05) Movie "The Dogs of War" (1980) Christopher Walken. | Newsroom | Late Show-Letterman | Today's Air Force | Daily Show-Jon Stewart | Sports | Comedy Central Presents |
| 23:30 | | | | | | Downrange | The Colbert Report | Premium Blend | |

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Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Celica GT-4 Turbo Car has body damage on left side and the rear differential Bushings need to be replaced and the clutch is starting to slip, other than that the car is in good shape. I'm PCS'ing soon so I don't have time to fix it so I need to sell. Asking \$1400 OBO Call 240-845-5294 or email bluedevil913@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Ford Mustang Convertible-Must sell, PCS'ing! Very clean and reliable convertible with chrome rims and tiresless than 1yr old. Comes 1 year JCI until July 2010/road taxes paid; Left side steering wheel, a very good sound system and aftermarket stereo. Asking \$3500 or OBO Must See! Please call 713-490-0690 or email lakajun2004@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota EX1V1 Separating soon and need to sell call! Green in color, A/C blows cold, Heat blows fire, Brand new battery Call to set up a time to check it out (080-3918-4100) JCI until May 2010 asking \$1200 OBO Call 080-3918-4100

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio Must Sell Newly JCI'd 4door is in great condition. Tires recently replaced, COLD A/C, auto transmission, power windows. Asking \$1500 willing to negotiate on price Call 080-3241-6736 or email rype127@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Mitsubishi Harrier Great, Reliable Family Car. Good A/C. Burgundy Seats 7 72K JCI until November 2009 Asking \$2500 OBO Call 080-3479-4570

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Century Black Chrome 20" Wheels w/ New Tires Leather Seats Power Front & Rear Seats Power Lumbar Front & Rear Seats Recline Power Front & Rear Massaging Seats Front & Rear Power Windows "All, Even The Small Triangular One's In The Front And Rear" Cold A/C Front & Rear CD Player Road Tax Paid! JCI till Oct 2009 must see, to appreciate! \$3500 OBO Call: 080-3362-9822 "Cell" or 1-216-619-8433 "House" Email: azntensai@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan, 4 cylinders, runs great Automatic transmission, Power locks & windows, Working AC and heater, Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. Non-smoker Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers, Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires), so JCI is good until June 2011. Asking \$1400 OBO It is currently on the Lemon Lot # 30. Please call 443-283-0661 (Vnag) or 011 base: uncg.one@gmail.com; Ask for Greg on base: 313-347-1030.

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda Saber Good Condition Silver w/ gray interior. New battery, JCI until 2011 asking \$3500 OBO e m a i l mom1solmar2@yahoo.com or call 26-6166

Autos for Sale 141

Atsugi - 2008 Jeep Cherokee, American Driver, V6, 4x4, 2608 Miles. Registered till 2011. Can go to US and back to Japan with no extra cost. \$30,000.00. Call 08058695462.

Atsugi, Japan - 2003 Nissan Liberty, JCI and Road Tax good until April 2010. \$3,500 OR BEST OFFER. Call Joe 264-7197 or 080-6417-6591

New Sanno, Tokyo - 1995 BMW 318i, black, auto, 58,713 km, navigator, JCI till Dec 2010 for \$5,000. Neg. Call Sam at 080-1796-9392 or 03-3445-9660.

Yokota - 1994 Nissan Skyline, Two Door, JCI - Jan 2010, Road Tax Apr 2010. Asking \$750. If interested please call Mike at 763-354-3551

Yokota - 1996 Toyota RAV 4J, green, clean, Silver 5 door SUV, runs great. Automatic transmission, sun roof, power lock, s/windows. Working AC and heater. CD/MP3 In-Dash Receiver, 2009 road tax paid. 2007 radiator/timing belt replacement. JCI May 2011. \$3,000 negotiable. Call 0909-594-3683

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Yokota - 1997 Honda Orthia 5Dr Green. Excellent Car. Short notice PCS - need to sell in next two weeks. Bought car in great shape/drove exclusively around base. Indash CD/GPS capable display unit. Asking \$1200. JCI Sep 2009. Call Daniel Bolin @ 090-9838-3913 or work.

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Yokota - 1997 Honda SMX 4 Dr Blue Great Car! Excellent Car! Short notice PCS-need to sell in next 2 weeks. Bought only 5 months ago. In Dash CD/Mini Disc, great AC/heater, automatic. Good size for Japan! Road Tax paid. JCI January 2010. Asking \$1200. Please call 08035868828 or work 225-4596.

Yokota - 2000 Nissan Bassara Van, seats 7, captains chairs 1 and 2nd row with adjustable arm rests. CD/navi/TV system. Drives like NEW still. Nice 18inch gold rims by Rays, which match body. 2nd owner. Oil changed every 3 months. Never had one problem with van. Without 18inch wheels 300,000yen with stock Nissan rims. Body and interior in great shape. Strong engine Kaz24DE. Billet grill. Recycle fees and Road tax Covered. JCI Dec 2009. Asking 325,000 yen. Call Dave 08055192722

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan March 4 Sale Good car, heat and A/C work very well. Easy to park, fun to drive/JCI good until Feb 2011, asking \$1000 firm. Will have oil changed prior to sale. New battery 2008. Available mid June E-mail to see

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Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Serena van for sale. This van has no radio, speedometer isn't working right and A/C is not working, but other than that. It is a good van runs great. Road tax paid. We are PCS'ing on 19th June, so we will negotiate if we can drive till that time. JCI until May 2010 Asking \$500 OBO Call 614-358-4889

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Silver Toyota Supra Automatic, non-turbo. Great shape and runs good! JCI good until Nov 2010. New tires, Shocks, and O2 Sensors Great car make me an offer! 080-3598-0119 serious only.

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Hilux Surf V-6, 4x4, fully loaded - power windows/locks. Stereo with CD/USB port for iPod/MP3 player. Roof rack, Rear storage cover & recent additions in the past year, new timing belt, tires, stereo, and battery very good clean reliable truck, hate to get rid of it, must sell to accommodate new baby. 1-971-244-0524 / 090-1269-4102

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Yokota, Japan - 12 inch Girls Magna bicycle used girls bicycle in great condition. No training wheels. Asking \$20 Please call (323) 338-7553 or email mfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mongoose E-Pro 21 speed bicycle Mongoose E-Pro mountain bike with Buck release wheels \$80; Magna mullet-speed mountain bike in good condition \$40 and female multi-speed bicycle \$40. Please call 6914584904 or email garyschwamm@hotmail.com

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Bicycles 220

Yokota - Small Woman Bike wanted. It doesn't have to be nice, something I can ride on base. I want with basket. Anyone want to sell one or know where I can get it for good deal please let me know. I'm not looking for to pay a lot. Please send me pics with price. Call 614-358-4889

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Small size woman outfit I have lot of small size (woman or miss) outfits. I bought them from Korea and I paid least \$75 per set. All of them are great condition and willing to sell for \$10 - \$20 per set. Feel free to come by and try them on. \$10-\$20each set Please contact 614-358-4889

Computers 360

Yokota - 800 Watt BFG Power Supply. SGLI Ready. Out of box. \$80 OBO. email if you have any questions! E-mail gregg.matthew@gmail.com.

Education 430

Yokota - LeapPad Learning System that's pink and purple. 3 Activity Books included along with matching cartridges. Good for ages 4 - 7. Great condition. \$30.00 OBO. Call 1-904-229-0534.

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Ancient Times Globe Liquor Cabinet (Got to see it!) This is a great little liquor cabinet well, sort of. It's a globe of ancient earth that opens up and stores your favorite decanter filled with your favorite beverage; it also has room for glasses. The bottom part of the cabinet has plenty of room for storing other bottles of whatever you like. Asking \$50 Please call Karin and Barry at 407-373-1304 if interested

Yokota, Japan - Great Condition Black Leather Sectional Sofa We are moving soon and have to downsize for our new home. The sofa is in excellent condition with little use- fairly new. If you are sincerely interested, please come by and look at it, asking \$450. Hopefully, I will have a picture up in the next few days, however. OBO Call 080-3727-3357

Yokota, Japan - Twin Size Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress Upgraded to a Queen Size for my teenager this one is taking up room on my staircase! Great, clean, comfortable mattress beats FMO mattresses by a long shot! :) Email or call for pictures if interested or come by and look! Email or call 512-275-4895 080-4602-7175 or 080-4603-0962 anytime! Asking \$100 Free Delivery

Furniture 510

Yokota - Wanted: Full or Queen Size Bed (OAK or White). We are looking for an EXCELLENT CONDITION ONLY PLEASE FULL OR QUEEN SIZE BED. WE DO NOT NEED THE MATTRESS. We are hoping to find one that is either LIGHT OAK or White. We would PREFER something that has a pedestal base (drawers on bottom so you only need a mattress). OR, SOMETHING THAT HAS lights/shelves/etc built into the headboard as a unit. Call 916-473-4488.

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokosuka, Japan - Forget about filling kerosene tanks. Air heater sale - pack of 3 heaters only used for one winter before moving. 1 tall electric, 1 small electric, 1 large gas heater (non-kerosene/propane gas). Over \$450 value only for \$250 OBO. Please email samuel.soto@gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162

Yokota, Japan - White, like new, Japanese style microwave purchased 6 months ago for sale for \$35.00. Priced to move. Contact Keith at 09086689480 or email keithwms@hotmail.com for photo.

Household Items 560

Yokosuka, Japan - Don't pay the expensive prices outside base. Set of large curtains. Approximately 66 inches tall per curtain, set of 6 curtains light blue. \$130 OBO. Contact samuel.soto@gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162

Home Electronics 570

Fuji - Selling a Vestax PMC 17A professional digital mixer. It has a polished metal surface and has never been used. Asking price is \$350.00. E-mail me at jayfromjapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - I have five XBOX 360 games that I would like to get rid of, Americas army, Nascar 08, full spectrum warrior ten hammers, Kane and Lynch dead men, and NCAA 08 football all go at this price. Asking \$80 Call 2408455298 or email wellsryan78@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Play Station 2-Slim with lots of games Way too many games to list. Asking \$150 OBO for all No reasonable offer will be refused. Call 3145583462

Jewelry 610

Schweinfurt, Germany - Beautiful jewelry, never worn, perfect condition. Blue TOPAZ, AMETHYST, SAPPHIRE, GARNET... Rings, Bracelets, Necklaces! I am selling for less than half price \$65-\$100. Will ship for free. Please email me for info staciemichelle_22@hotmail.com

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota - Charbroil Grill with Tank and Cover! Has side burner too. Works great, were posing and would like to let you buy our grill for \$85.00. E-mail rmgenune@aol.com or call 6143584876.

Yokota, Japan - Fence & front/back awnings 32 ft "privacy fence (end N. area unit) - \$200 Front awning - \$150 Rear awning - \$200 All for \$500 Call 773-634-7734 or email knovak@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - Worx GT Cordless Trimmer I have a like-new great cordless trimmer with 6 extra spools of line and a wall storage unit that holds the trimmer and battery! Only used twice. Sekkubg because we got orders here and living in tower. This is a trimmer and edger and best of all cordless! Asking \$75 Call Dan at 850-254-9049

Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Parakeets w/Cage 2 parakeets (one yellow, one green), easy to handle, you can hand feed, comes with cage, stand, food, and toy many accessories. Asking \$45 OBO call 813-200-9379 or email aladdin002@yahoo.com

Pets 820

Zama/SHA - 1 year old female English Bulldog for sale \$500 obo. JCK, microchipped, white and tan, house trained, good with kids. Contact: 267-6053 or 0 4 2 - 8 6 9 - 6 0 5 3 email:gizelle_m03@yahoo.com

Zama/SHA - 3 year old male cat. shots up to date, on record at Camp Zama Vet. house trained & fixed. comes with carrier. Free to good home. Contact Tricia or CJ at 267-63297 by email puertobaby87@yahoo.com

Homes for Sale - US 864

SUMTER SOUTH CAROLINA - 1730 Sq ft, 3Br 2 bath, 2 car garage, Brick house on slab, fireplace, 0.76 acre lot. Newly remodeled, enclosed sunroom, central heat & AC, 134.9K, est yearly taxes \$740, 7 miles from Shaw AB. Call Agent Owned company or Jeff at 803-316-4003. http://www.agent-owned.com/property_search_sbr/index.cfm?acton=listing_detail&property_id=98775&searchkey=54d1498c-abf4-1900-685b-7397bd15605a&npp=10&sr=1

Toys 945

Atsugi - Radio flyer trike with sun canopy. Allows adult to steer but handle can be removed also. Bought for \$99.00, selling for \$40.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota - 20 inch tall Pooh Bear and Tigger stuffed toys. Soft and cuddle. Good Condition. Price is for both. For Pooh Bear lovers, young and old. Asking \$15.00. Call 1-904-229-0534

Yokota, Japan - Girls Pink Disney scooter Great condition! Perfect for beginners Asking \$15 Please contact (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Sporting Goods 980

Atsugi - Red K2 5 Speed ski poles. Bought for \$50.00, selling for \$20.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Atsugi - Rossi Axiom Skis with bindings. Size 150. Red and white. Originally bought for \$165.00, selling for \$70.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

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Sporting Goods 980

Atsugi - Volant ski bag. Selling for \$25.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information.

Yokota - Golf Club Set "Knight" Right Handed set from #4 through Sand Wedge, Driving Iron and Driver. Asking \$45.00. E-mail rmgenune@aol.com, call 6143584876.

Air Travel 1006

Yokota, Japan - Discount plane ticket to Korea? Is anyone can tell me there I can buy cheap discount plane ticket to Korea for round trip from Jun 18 or 19th -Jun 29th or 30th? Any help appreciated! Thank you. Please contact Miya 614-358-4889

Miscellaneous 1040

Atsugi - Kodak 160 page printer dock kit includes paper and ink cartridges, opened but unused. Fits PH compatible photo printers. \$30, a great deal! Call Kris 264-7931

Atsugi - Wasabi green Chicco carseat for sale! Brand new! Never used. \$40 cash. Simple bronze medal dining set with four chairs. \$50 cash. E-mail mmpalmoa177@yahoo.com. I can e-mail pictures!

Yokota, Japan - coffee table, fans, Shredder, vacuum, Kitchen items Round glass top coffee table \$40; 3-speed oscillating floor fan \$10; paper shredder \$10; Hoover vacuum \$20; Automatic coffee maker \$5 Asking \$40. Please call 6143584904

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AFN-Xtra, 1 a.m.—Soccer: World Cup qualifier, Honduras at U.S. men (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup, Pocono 500.

AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m.—Golf: PGA Tour, The Memorial, final round.

AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA Division I Super Regionals, Virginia vs. Mississippi or TCU vs. Texas.

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA Division I Super Regionals, Rice vs. LSU or Southern Mississippi vs. Florida.

AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA Finals: Game 2, Orlando at L.A. Lakers.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA Division I Super Regionals, Louisville vs. Cal State-Fullerton or Clemson vs. Arizona State.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—MLB: L.A. Angels at Detroit (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: NBA Finals, Game 2, Orlando at L.A. Lakers (dld).

AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.—Auto racing: NHRA, Route 66 Nationals (dld).

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA Division I Super Regionals, East Carolina vs. North Carolina or Southern Mississippi vs. Florida, if necessary.

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—MLB: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees.

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—College baseball: NCAA Division I Super Regionals, TCU vs. Texas or Clemson vs. Arizona State, if necessary.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Arizona at San Diego.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College baseball: NCAA Division I Super Regionals, TCU vs. Texas or Clemson vs. Arizona State, if necessary (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—MLB: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (dld).

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College baseball

NCAA Super Regionals (Best-of-three)

The visiting team plays as the home team in Game 2; a coin flip determines home team for Game 3.

At Dick Howser Stadium Tallahassee, Fla.

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Saturday: Arkansas 9, Florida State 8, Arkansas advances

At Oxford-University Stadium Oxford, Miss.

Friday: Mississippi 4, Virginia 3, 12 innings

Saturday: Virginia 4 Mississippi 3

Sunday: Virginia (47-13-1) vs. Mississippi (44-19)

At Alex Box Stadium Baton Rouge, La.

Friday: LSU 12, Rice 9

Saturday: Rice (43-17) vs. LSU (50-16)

Sunday: Rice vs. LSU*

At Goodwin Field Fullerton, Calif.

Friday: Cal State Fullerton 12, Louisville 0

Saturday: Louisville (47-17) vs. Cal State Fullerton (46-14)

Sunday: Louisville vs. Cal State Fullerton*

At UFCU Dirsch-Falk Field Austin, Texas

Saturday: TCU (39-16) vs. Texas (44-13-1)

Sunday: TCU vs. Texas

Monday: TCU vs. Texas*

At McKethan Stadium Gainesville, Fla.

Saturday: Southern Mississippi (38-24) vs. Florida (42-20)

Sunday: Southern Mississippi vs. Florida

Monday: Southern Mississippi vs. Florida*

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Monday: East Carolina vs. North Carolina*

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| Jerry Kelly | 72-72—144 E |
| Steve Stricker | 70-74—144 E |
| Kevin Sutherland | 69-75—144 E |
| Nicholas Thompson | 69-75—144 E |
| Jeff Overton | 76-69—145 +1 |
| Kenny Perry | 72-73—145 +1 |
| Woody Austin | 75-70—145 +1 |
| Tom Lehman | 71-74—145 +1 |
| Marc Turnesa | 72-73—145 +1 |
| Tom Pernice, Jr. | 71-74—145 +1 |
| Lee Janzen | 72-73—145 +1 |
| D.A. Points | 75-70—145 +1 |
| David Duval | 71-74—145 +1 |
| John Senden | 71-74—145 +1 |
| Y.E. Yang | 73-72—145 +1 |
| Camilo Villegas | 71-74—145 +1 |
| Chez Reavie | 71-74—145 +1 |
| George McNeill | 76-69—145 +1 |
| Richard Sterne | 74-71—145 +1 |
| Ted Purdy | 67-79—146 +2 |
| Ian Poulter | 75-71—146 +2 |
| Bill Haas | 74-72—146 +2 |
| Nick O'Hern | 73-73—146 +2 |
| Geoff Ogilvy | 72-74—146 +2 |
| Stuart Appleby | 72-74—146 +2 |
| Matthew Goggin | 73-73—146 +2 |
| Brett Quigley | 74-73—147 +3 |
| Jeff Quinney | 75-72—147 +3 |
| Jeff Klauk | 76-71—147 +3 |
| Steve Lowery | 76-71—147 +3 |
| D.J. Trahan | 73-74—147 +3 |
| Martin Kaymer | 71-76—147 +3 |
| Erik Compton | 72-75—147 +3 |
| Tim Herron | 75-73—148 +4 |
| Mark Brooks | 75-73—148 +4 |
| Marc Leishman | 74-74—148 +4 |
| Jose Maria Olazabal | 74-74—148 +4 |
| Robert Allenby | 72-76—148 +4 |
| Steve Fehick | 73-75—148 +4 |
| Scott McCarron | 74-74—148 +4 |

State Farm Classic

LPGA Tour Friday

At Panther Creek Country Club Course Springfield, Ill.

Purse: \$1.7 million

Yardage: 6,746; Par: 72 Second Round

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Suzann Pettersen | 68-66—134-10 |
| Se Ri Pak | 66-68—134-10 |
| Helen Alfredsson | 72-63—135 -9 |
| Kristy McPherson | 69-66—135 -9 |
| Molra Dunn | 69-66—135 -9 |
| Kris Tamulis | 67-68—135 -9 |
| Jee Young Lee | 66-69—135 -9 |
| Jiyai Shin | 69-67—136 -8 |
| Julie Inkster | 72-65—137 -7 |
| Amy Hung | 71-66—137 -7 |
| Angela Stanford | 70-67—137 -7 |
| Karen Stupples | 69-68—137 -7 |
| Seon Hwa Lee | 69-68—137 -7 |
| In-Kyung Kim | 69-68—137 -7 |
| Meaghan Francella | 69-68—137 -7 |
| Katie Futcher | 71-67—138 -6 |
| Michelle Wie | 70-68—138 -6 |

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Katherine Hull
Joo Mi Kim
Ashleigh Simon
Janice Moodie
Taylor Leon
Cristie Kerr
Morgan Pressel
Amy Yang
Eunjung Yi
Mi Hyun Kim
Beth Bader
Inbee Park
Shanshan Feng
Jin Young Pak
Christina Kim
Vicky Hurst
Jackie Gallagher-Smith
Kyeong Bae
Matt Goren
Song-Hee Kim
Allison Hanna-Williams
Hee Young Park
Young Kim
Sarah Jane Smith
Mikaela Parmlid
Paula Creamer
Marisa Baena
Natalie Gulbis
Anja Monke
Anna Nordqvist
Ai Miyazato
Sun Young Yoo
Anna Grzebien
Stephanie Loudon
Diana D'Alessio
Meena Lee
Sarah Lee
Brittany Lang
Yani Tseng
Soo-Yun Kang
Pat Hurst
Meredith Duncan
Haeji Kang
Becky Morgan
Laura Diaz
Teresa Lu
Sarah Kemp
Na Yeon Choi
Karin Sjodin
Anna Rawson
Chella Choi
Eun-Hee Ji
Nicole Castrale
Karine Icher
Julieta Granada

Triton Financial Classic

Champions Tour Friday

At The Hills Country Club Austin, Texas

Purse: \$1.6 million

Yardage: 7,035; Par 72 (36-36) First Round

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Bernhard Langer | 31-34—65 -7 |
| David Eger | 32-34—66 -7 |
| Mike McCullough | 31-36—67 -5 |
| Mark O'Meara | 33-35—68 -4 |
| Mark Wiebe | 35-33—68 -4 |
| Mark James | 34-34—68 -4 |
| Dana Quigley | 34-34—68 -4 |
| Tom Kite | 34-34—68 -4 |
| Jeff Sluman | 34-34—68 -4 |
| Larry Mize | 36-32—68 -4 |
| Gene Jones | 35-34—69 -3 |
| John Cook | 35-34—69 -3 |
| Tom Jenkins | 34-35—69 -3 |
| Mark McNulty | 34-35—69 -3 |
| Scott Hoch | 35-34—69 -3 |
| Tom Wargo | 35-34—69 -3 |
| Joe Ozaki | 36-33—69 -3 |
| Dave Stockton | 35-35—70 -2 |
| R.W. Eaks | 36-34—70 -2 |
| Jerry Pate | 35-35—70 -2 |
| Jay Haas | 36-34—70 -2 |

Wales Open

PGA European Tour Friday

At Celtic Manor Newport, Wales

Purse: \$2.9 million

Yardage: 7,378; Par: 71 Second Round

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Richie Ramsay, Scotland | 68-67—135 |
| Robert Rock, England | 68-68—136 |
| Ross Fisher, England | 70-66—136 |
| Jeev Milkha Singh, India | 69-68—137 |
| Jean-Baptiste Gonnat, France | 69-68—137 |
| Fredrik Andersson Hed, Sweden | 70-67—137 |
| Ignacio Garrido, Spain | 68-69—137 |
| Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay | 67-71—138 |
| Colin Montgomerie, Scotland | 69-69—138 |
| Nick Dougherty, England | 66-72—138 |
| Mark Foster, England | 69-69—138 |

Auto racing

Pocono 500 lineup

NASCAR Sprint Cup At Pocono Raceway Long Pond, Pa.

Lap length: 2.5 miles

Friday's qualifying rained out; race Sunday

(Car number in parentheses)

- (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 1st.
- (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 2nd.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 3rd.
- (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 4th.
- (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 5th.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 6th.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 7th.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 8th.
- (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 9th.
- (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 10th.
- (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 11th.
- (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 12th.
- (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 13th.
- (9) Casey Kahne, Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 14th.
- (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 15th.
- (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 16th.
- (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 17th.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 18th.
- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 19th.
- (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 20th.
- (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 21st.
- (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 22nd.
- (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 23rd.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 24th.
- (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 25th.
- (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 26th.
- (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 27th.
- (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 28th.
- (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 29th.
- (44) A.J. Allmendinger, Dodge, 2009 Owner Points 30th.
- (6) David Ragan, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 31st.
- (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 32nd.
- (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 2009 Owner Points 33rd.
- (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 2009 Owner Points 34th.
- (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Points 35th.
- (09) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 2009 Owner Winner.
- (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 2009 Owner Attempts 13-36th.
- (71) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 2009 Owner Attempts 13-37th.
- (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 2009 Owner Attempts 13-39th.
- (36) Patrick Carpentier, Toyota, 2009 Owner Attempts 13-41st.
- (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 2009 Owner Attempts 13-42nd.
- (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, Owner Attempts 7.
- (51) Dexter Bean, Dodge, Owner Attempts 4.
- (75) Derrick Cope, Dodge, 2009 Owner Attempts 3.
- (64) Mike Wallace, Toyota, Post Entry.
- (37) Tony Raines, Dodge, Post Entry.

Winstar World Casino 400

NASCAR Camping World Trucks Friday

At Texas Motor Speedway Fort Worth, Texas

Lap length: 1.5 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

- (3) Todd Bodine, Toyota, 167 laps, 132 rating, 190 points, \$72,175.
- (3) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 167, 123.9, 175, \$42,795.
- (14) Colin Braun, Ford, 167, 101.5, 165, \$37,490.
- (15) Johnny Benson, Toyota, 167, 106.1, 160, \$23,780.
- (6) Rick Crawford, Ford, 167, 101.4, 160, \$18,530.
- (1) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 167, 114.3, 155, \$19,180.
- (13) David Starr, Toyota, 167, 90.4, 146, \$16,530.
- (18) Jason White, Dodge, 167, 80.7, 142, \$15,130.
- (24) Tayler Malsam, Toyota, 167, 79.8, 138, \$16,030.
- (11) Mike Skinner, Toyota, 166, 89.7, 134, \$16,280.
- (8) Ricky Carmichael, Chevrolet, 166, 66.8, \$14,830.
- (10) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 166, 85.7, 127, \$14,655.
- (7) Chad McCombee, Chevrolet, 166, 77.9, 124, \$14,555.
- (16) T.J. Bell, Toyota, 166, 73.3, 121, \$14,455.
- (17) Brian Scott, Toyota, 165, 65.2, 118, \$15,705.
- (12) Aric Almirola, Toyota, 165, 69.9, 115, \$14,255.
- (5) Dennis Setzer, Chevrolet, 164, 63.1, 112, \$14,155.
- (20) James Buescher, Ford, 164, 48.4, 109, \$14,055.
- (19) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 163, 118.9, 116, \$14,655.
- (22) Terry Cook, Toyota, 162, 48.6, 103, \$13,255.
- (19) Stacy Compton, Toyota, out of fuel, 161, 61.1, 100, \$11,455.
- (22) Brian Ickler, Toyota, 161, 65.8, 97, \$11,355.
- (23) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, vibration, 111, 53.7, 94, \$11,255.
- (24) Wayne Edwards, Chevrolet, ignition, 26, 32.9, 91, \$11,155.
- (25) Ryan Mathews, Ford, vibration, 22, 47, 0, \$11,055.
- (27) Butch Miller, Chevrolet, overheating, 22, 41.4, 85, \$10,955.
- (28) Ryan Hackett, Ford, transmission, 18, 43, 0, \$10,855.
- (29) John Jackson, Chevrolet, ignition, 14, 39.3, 79, \$10,755.
- (21) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, rear gear, 13, 42.5, 76, \$10,655.
- (33) Nick Tucker, Chevrolet, too slow, 12, 27.1, 0, \$11,055.
- (26) Marc Mitchell, Dodge, overheating, 11, 36.9, 70, \$10,430.
- (31) Brandon Knapp, Chevrolet, transmission, 9, 29.8, 67, \$10,330.
- (30) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, handling, 3, 27.1, 64, \$10,255.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 153.133 mph.

Time of Race: 1 hour, 38 minutes, 9 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 1.321 seconds.

Caution Flags: 2 for 10 laps.

Lead Changes: 5 among 5 drivers.

Lap Leaders: J.Sauter 1-42; R.Hornaday Jr. 43-97; M.Crafton 98; T.Bodine 99-107; R.Crawford 108-124; T.Bodine 125-167.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): R.Hornaday Jr., 1 time for 55 laps; T.Bodine, 2 times for 52 laps; J.Sauter, 1 time for 42 laps; R.Crawford, 1 time for 17 laps; M.Crafton, 1 time for 1 lap.

Top 10 in Points: 1. M.Crafton, 1,202; 2. R.Hornaday Jr., 1,172; 3. M.Skinner, 1,163; 4. T.Bodine, 1,136; 5. B.Scott, 1,067; 6. D.Starr, 1,049; 7. J.Benson, 1,047; 8. C.McCombee, 1,040; 9. T.Cook, 1,023; 10. R.Crawford, 1,013.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Pro hockey

NHL playoffs

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Detroit vs. Pittsburgh

Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1

Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 1

Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2, series tied 2-2

Saturday: Pittsburgh at Detroit

Tuesday: Detroit at Pittsburgh

Friday, June 12: Pittsburgh at Detroit*

* — if necessary

NHL calendar

June 18 — NHL awards show at Las Vegas.

June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal.

SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 24

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Purchased the contract of LHP Alberto Castillo from Norfolk (IL). Released LHP Jamie Walker.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated DH Travis Hafner from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Fausto Carmona to the Arizona Rookie League.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled OF Carlos Gonzalez from Colorado Springs (PCL). Activated RHP Matt Daley from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Matt Murtton to Colorado Springs. Designated RHP Jason Grilli for assignment.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Anibal Sanchez on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Cristhian Martinez from Jacksonville (SL).

NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP J.J. Putz on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Fernando Nieve from Buffalo (IL). Claimed LHP Pat Misch off waivers from San Francisco. Moved RHP J.J. Putz from the 15-day to 60-day DL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed RHP Kyle Lohse on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Tyler Greene from Memphis (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
TORONTO RAPTORS—Named Marc Iavoroni assistant coach.

Women's National Basketball Association
WNBA—Suspended Detroit C Kara Braxton for six games after pleading guilty to a drunk-driving charge.

MINNESOTA LYNX—Reached a buyout agreement with G Anna DeForge. Waived G Emily Fox and C Ty'Sha Fluker. Placed F Kathryn Riss on the suspended list.

WASHINGTON MYSTICS—Released F Bernice Mosby.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed DT Vance Walker and CB William Middleton.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed OL George Foster. Waived S Jason Venson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Named Jim Playfair coach of Abbotsford (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Named Mike Hanagan assistant athletic trainer and Joel Farnsworth as assistant equipment manager.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Fired Toronto Marlies (AHL) coach Greg Gilbert.

COLLEGE

BINGHAMTON—Signed men's basketball coach Kevin Broadus through the 2013-2014 season.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON—Fired men's basketball coach Tom Green.

MIAMI—Announced junior F Dwayne Collins has withdrawn from the NBA Draft.

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Chicago | 5 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 20 | 17 |
| D.C. | 4 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 20 | 17 |
| Kansas City | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 14 |
| Toronto FC | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 21 |
| Columbus | 2 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 15 | 17 |
| New England | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 17 |
| New York | 2 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 18 | 18 |

Western Conference

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Chivas USA | 7 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 17 | 9 |
| Houston | 6 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 15 | 7 |
| Seattle | 4 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 9 |
| Colorado | 4 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 13 |
| Los Angeles | 2 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| Real Salt Lake | 3 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 15 |
| FC Dallas | 2 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 17 |
| San Jose | 2 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 22 |

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Thursday's games

D.C. United 2, New York 0

Friday's games

Houston 1, Chicago 0

Saturday's games

Los Angeles 2, Toronto FC 1

Columbus at Kansas City

Colorado at Real Salt Lake

Seattle FC at Chivas USA

Sunday's games

San Jose at FC Dallas

New York at New England

Friday

Dynamo 1, Fire 0

| | | |
|---------|---|-----|
| Houston | 1 | 0-1 |
| Chicago | 0 | 0-0 |

First half—1, Houston, Holden 3 (Kamara, Hainault), 4th minute.

Goalies—Houston, Pat Onstad; Chicago, Jon Busch.

Yellow Cards—Davis, Houston, 27th; Wondolowski, Houston, 76th; Mapp, Chicago, 81st; Ward, Chicago, 88th.

A—13,246 (20,000)

WPS

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| Los Angeles | 6 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 12 | 3 |
| Washington | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 15 |
| Boston | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| FC Gold Pride | 3 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 13 |
| Chicago | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| Saint Louis | 2 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Sky Blue FC | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 8 |

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's game

Los Angeles 1, Chicago 1, tie

Sunday's games

Sky Blue FC at Saint Louis

Washington at Los Angeles

Chicago at FC Gold Pride

NBA Finals

Magic confident of better result in Game 2

By TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dwight Howard hasn't been surprised by anything during his first trip to the NBA Finals. It's all seemed so familiar to Orlando's center, like he's been here before.

If it wasn't June, it would be like any other game.

Sure, there's more media. There's "that big trophy everywhere you look." There's a stenographer sitting in on the press conferences.

"That's new," Howard noted. "Other than that, it's just basketball."

And as has been the case most of this season, the Magic appear to be in trouble.

Down 1-0 to the Los Angeles Lakers after being blown out 100-75 in Game 1, the Magic spent part of Friday watching film of their pathetic return to the Finals after a 14-year hiatus. They got lit up by Kobe Bryant, who scored 40 points, and Howard and Orlando's other big men were dominated on the boards by the Lakers' frontline, which posted a 55-41 advantage in rebounding.

"Embarrassing," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy snorted.

Orlando was out of its league. Bryant scored almost at will, punctuating each bucket by extending his lower jaw to show his lower teeth — a menacing look underscoring the self-proclaimed Black Mamba's drive at winning his fourth title. The Magic also hurt themselves by shooting 30 percent and missing open shots, and Howard was a non-factor on offense with 12 points and only one field goal, a 7-foot hook shot in the game's first two minutes.

The NBA's leading dunker didn't dunk. He didn't dominate. He didn't do diddly.

NBA Finals

(Best-of-seven)

Orlando vs. L.A. Lakers
Thursday: L.A. Lakers 100, Orlando 75, Lakers lead series 1-0

Sunday: Orlando at L.A. Lakers

Tuesday: L.A. Lakers at Orlando

Thursday, June 11: L.A. Lakers at Orlando

Sunday, June 14: L.A. Lakers at Orlando

Tuesday, June 16: Orlando at L.A. Lakers

Thursday, June 18: Orlando at L.A. Lakers

* — if necessary

Howard knows he and his teammates have to do much more in Game 2 on Sunday night.

"We just didn't have any energy or effort," Howard said. "We didn't box out, all the little things. We can't control Kobe scoring 40 points, but we can control boxing out, getting loose balls, stuff like that, and we didn't do that. We have to come out with a better effort."

Howard's ineffectiveness was the main topic of conversation at Friday's media gathering. One reporter wondered if the sleeve on his arm may have affected his shot.

"Man, I just wear the sleeve because I like how it looks," Howard said, shaking his head in disbelief at the query. "It had nothing to do with making shots or anything. I started wearing it in practice, it felt good one day, and I thought, 'Man, I should wear this in the game.' It might make my shot look better."

Being in a hole is nothing new to the resilient Magic, it's where they've lived most of the season.

They made it to the Finals despite losing All-Star guard Jameer Nelson for 42 games because of a shoulder injury, and they came from behind against Philadelphia and Boston to win previous series in the playoffs. Against Cleveland in the Eastern Conference finals, the Magic shot their way back from impossible deficits.



JAE C. HONG/AP

Orlando center Dwight Howard scored only 12 points in the Magic's 100-75 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. "We just didn't have any energy or effort," he said.

They're down again, not out.

"It's just one game," said forward Hedo Turkoglu, who went just 3-for-11 from the floor. "It's a long series. We've got a couple days to work on some things. We know how good we are, and we know what we need to do to win."

A good place to start would be getting Howard more involved on offense.

Nothing came easy for him in Game 1. Like paparazzi swarming outside a nightclub for a magazine cover photo, the Lakers' forwards and centers were everywhere he turned. Andrew Bynum, Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom pushed him, prodded him, poked him.

Superman's cape got torn to

shreds.

And when Howard got the ball deep in the lane, one of Los Angeles' guards would dive down on a double team and force him to pick it up. By the time he passed out from inside to an open teammate on the perimeter, the lengthy Lakers were able to recover and contest.

"They're going to make it tough to get Dwight rolling," Van Gundy said. "We got him the ball a lot, but they're always coming with another guy."

Van Gundy admitted he made a mistake in playing Nelson for the entire second quarter. In his first action since Groundhog Day, Nelson sparked the Magic early but then tired and faded. Van Gundy still plans to use him off the bench in Game 2, but will monitor his minutes more closely.

The Lakers aren't taking anything for granted. They may have won Game 1 without breaking a sweat, but their demeanor remained very businesslike during Friday's workout.

Bryant, whose kids have been calling him "Grumpy" because of his sour mood of late at home, remained stone faced. He answered questions with short, measured responses and only cracked a smile once.

Does he remember the Lakers' attitude before the Finals last season?

"No," he said.

Is he driven to win a title to prove anything to LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal?

"Not at all," he said.

So why the frosty attitude?

"I'm just focused and ready to go," he said. "I've been pacing myself all year waiting for these playoffs to come around. The table is set."

An Iverson-Brown reunion? There's been talk

By MIKE CRANSTON

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Allen Iverson needs a team and Larry Brown needs a scorer. They could reunite and talk about practice.

Seven years after his famous rant in Philadelphia during a feud with Brown over missing practice, Iverson is set to become an unrestricted free agent. Brown is now coaching the low-scoring Bobcats, and Iverson was recently spotted in Charlotte.

It's fueled speculation that Iverson, who had a difficult season in Detroit after his November trade from Denver, could be paired with Brown again. "I love Allen," Brown said Friday. "Everybody documents our issues, but think of the body of work when he played for me. Pretty incredible. And I know he has a big chip on his shoulder now. He told me he'd been to Charlotte."

Brown just isn't so sure Iverson as a Bobcat would be a good fit for either side. For one, Iverson would



DUANE BURLISON/AP

Allen Iverson was in Charlotte recently, fueling speculation he'll sign with the Bobcats and be reunited with Larry Brown.

have to play for a lot less than the nearly \$22 million he made last season, and the Bobcats would have to clear salary-cap space to sign him. Iverson, who turns 34 Sunday, would also have to adjust to a lesser role — something he struggled to accept with the Pistons. And would Iverson want to join a team that hasn't won more than 35 games in a season? "I want him to go where he knows he can win," Brown said. "I think from my standpoint, I don't know

if we're ready to win at the level I think a kid at his age, what he's done, should have. I want to see him go where he could win a championship."

But Iverson's agent, Leon Rose, said his client would be willing to play for Brown again. "AI has the utmost respect for coach Brown as both a person and coach," Rose said in an e-mail.

"I believe he would definitely be interested in playing for him again. Seeing first hand coach Brown's ability to build a culture and a team that plays the right way, he knows Charlotte will be a team to contend with as they continue to add pieces. I'm sure at the appropriate time these things will be discussed."

Iverson's best stretch of his career came under Brown, when he was voted league MVP and helped the 76ers reach the NBA Finals in 2001. But Brown often bristled at his practice habits. It led to Iverson repeating the phrase "We're talking about practice!" countless times after the Sixers were elimi-

nated from the 2002 playoffs.

"He was telling me how he made some mistakes," Brown said. "I said, 'Wait a second, you've scored 30,000 points or so in our league.' I don't think anybody his size has done what he's done. So I told him to not even worry about that. Think of what you've done and what you've accomplished and move forward."

The Bobcats, who have to decide on whether to re-sign restricted free agent point guard Raymond Felton, ranked last in the NBA in scoring last season.

Enter Iverson? "You'll have to ask Allen about me," Brown said. "But I think he knows that I know how to use him and what to expect. There are no surprises with me and him. I just know that his body of work is pretty incredible. Even though there are things that went on during our careers, the work he did was phenomenal."

"He wants to win, he competes every night, he plays hurt. But I want to see it end the right way for him."

Sports briefs

Stewart loses pole position after crash in practice

The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Tony Stewart lost his pole position and will start from the back of the pack for the Pocono 500 after wrecking his car during practice at Pocono Raceway on Saturday.

NASCAR's Sprint Cup points leader lost control of his No. 14 Chevrolet and spun off the tunnel turn at the end of Saturday's first practice. The car spun onto the grass, sending mud and sod flying, and ripped off the nose of his car.

His Stewart-Haas Racing crew quickly got to work on the backup. Stewart became the pole sitter for Sunday's Pocono 500 when rain washed out Friday's qualifying and start positions were based on the driver standings.

Stewart was confident he could still make a strong run in the backup.

"I feel like it's better than the primary car," Stewart said.

He posted the third-fastest practice lap at 166.701 mph during the first practice Saturday and hit 164.817 with the backup car in the second practice session.

"I was happier with that car than I was the first one," Stewart said. "If I'd known the second one was going to be so good, I would have crashed the first one the first lap out."

Stewart's second-place finish at Dover last Sunday shot him to the top of the Sprint Cup standings, 46 points ahead of Jeff Gordon. Stewart is the first driver/owner to lead the driver standings since Alan Kulwicki won the 1992 Cup championship, a span of 556 races.

Stewart is trying to become the first owner/driver to win a race since Ricky Rudd at Martinsville in 1998.

Orioles' Izturis has appendix removed

OAKLAND, Calif. — Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cesar Izturis underwent an appendectomy Friday night after complaining of severe stomach pains earlier in the day.

Izturis played in Thursday's 3-2 loss to Seattle and accompanied the Orioles to Oakland for a three-game series against the Athletics. But after arriving at the Coliseum early Friday with stomach pain, Izturis, 29, was taken to a hospital for a CT scan.

The tests revealed that Izturis, who was accompanied to the hospital by assistant athletic trainer Brian Ebel, had appendicitis.

Also, the Orioles released veteran left-hander Jamie Walker, ending a mostly disappointing three-year stay with the team.

Walker had a 5.11 earned run average in 12½ innings and was coming off a horrible appearance in Seattle on Tuesday. He gave up two home runs in one inning and was charged with a blown save in the Orioles' 8-2 loss to the Mariners.

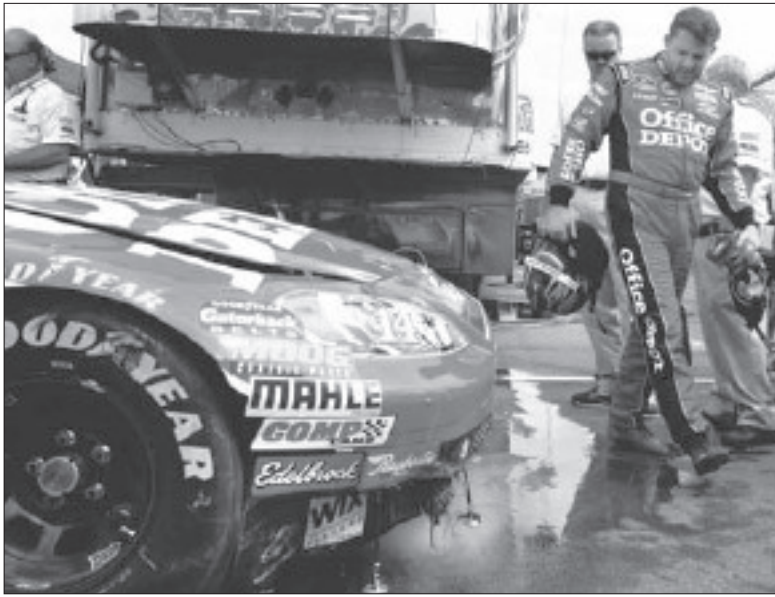
In other baseball news:

■ St. Louis Cardinals right-hander Kyle Lohse was placed on the 15-day disabled list for the first time in his career Friday with a forearm injury after he had to leave his latest start early.

■ Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz, who's been battling a slump, will get his eyes checked Monday. Ortiz said Thursday he doesn't believe his season-long slump has anything to do with his eyes. He's hitting .188 with one home run.

■ A former Los Angeles Angels executive is part of a Major League Baseball investigation into skimming of signing bonuses for Latin American prospects, SI.com reported.

■ Jake Peavy's next start has been moved back to Monday night so that the San Diego Padres can allow their ace to recover from an upper respiratory infection.



MEL EVANS/AP

Tony Stewart surveys the damage to his race car after wrecking Saturday during practice at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. Stewart had secured the pole position for Sunday's race, but will start at the back of the field after switching to his backup car.

NCAA meets with Memphis officials

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA met with Memphis officials on Saturday to discuss major violations and the school must now wait at least six weeks for a ruling on whether its 38 victories from the 2007-08 season will count.

The most serious allegation taken up during the meeting was whether an unidentified person took the SAT for a player.

The NCAA has said the athlete in question played for the Tigers for only the 2007-08 season and the 2008 NCAA tournament. The only person who fits the description in documents obtained by The Associated Press is Derrick Rose, the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft after that season.

Memphis officials have said the school should keep the victories from the 2007-08 season that ended in the national title game. An NCAA spokeswoman said a ruling is expected in 6-8 weeks.

Memphis could face similar meetings with the NCAA in the future. Another player, Robert Dozier, also has had questions surface about his entrance exams.

Dozier's inconsistent SAT scores prevented him from being admitted to the University of Georgia in 2004. His initial SAT score was invalidated by the company that scores the exam, and his follow-up score was dramatically lower, according to Georgia records.

Dozier's four-year career at Memphis ended after the 2008-09 season.

In other college basketball news:

■ All Pac-10 point guard Nic Wise decided to return to Arizona for his senior year and forgo the NBA Draft.

Shockey to participate in workouts

METairie, La. — New Orleans tight end Jeremy Shockey said he plans to participate in the Saints' final eight voluntary workouts and wants to turn the focus on him back to football.

Shockey, talking to reporters between practices during New Orleans' mandatory minicamp, has made more headlines off the field than on it since joining the Saints nearly a year ago.

He missed much of last season because of a hernia injury and failed to score a touchdown for the NFL's top-rated offense.

He did not attend the first four of the team's voluntary offseason practices and

was back in the news two weeks ago when he was treated at a hospital for dehydration after being found unconscious during a pool party at a Las Vegas resort.

Furyk shares Memorial lead

DUBLIN, Ohio — One last birdie for Jim Furyk put him one more stroke under par, which he found more gratifying than sharing the lead with Jonathan Byrd on Friday in the Memorial.

A blue sky and warm sun translated into fast greens at Muirfield Village, leading to a crammed leaderboard going into a weekend loaded with possibilities.

Tiger Woods had his worst score in nearly two years — a 2-over 74 — and still was only six shots behind.

Furyk had two bogeys from the bunker on the back nine, but finished with an 8-iron that stopped on the top shelf about 8 feet away for birdie on the 18th that gave him a 2-under 70.

Byrd had a bogey-free 68 in the morning, also making a birdie on the 18th.

They were at 7-under 137.

In other golf news:

■ Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak shot a 4-under 68 Friday in the LPGA State Farm Classic to share the lead with Suzann Pettersson.

■ Bernhard Langer birdied the par-3 18th hole for a 7-under 65 and a one-stroke Friday after the first round of the Champions tour's Triton Financial Classic.

Browns sign offensive lineman Foster

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns signed offensive lineman George Foster on Friday and waived rookie safety Jason Venson.

Foster is a six-year NFL veteran who spent the previous two years with the Detroit Lions. He appeared in 19 games, starting 12.

The 6-foot-5, 338-pound Foster was a two-year starter at Georgia. He was drafted in the first round in 2003 by Denver.

Bodine makes history at Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas — Todd Bodine passed up a chance to refuel on the final pit stop Friday night, and still had enough to win the fastest NASCAR Truck Series race ever at Texas Motor Speedway.

Bodine became the winningest driver for any series at Texas, racing to his fifth

trucks victory on the 1½-mile, high-banked oval. He also is the first five-time trucks winner at any NASCAR track.

In a race with only two cautions and no crashes, Bodine won with an average speed of 152.282 mph. He finished 1.32 seconds ahead of Matt Crafton, who took the lead in the driver standings from Ron Hornaday Jr. Colin Braun was a distant third.

In other racing news:

■ Antron Brown led Top Fuel qualifying Friday in the Route 66 NHRA Nationals with a 3.826-second run at 317.94 mph.

■ Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel will start from the pole in the Turkish Grand Prix on Sunday after setting the fastest lap time in qualifying.

Late replacement Molina beats Perez

MIAMI — Carlos Molina, a late replacement for former welterweight champ Carlos Quintana, won a lopsided unanimous decision Friday night over Danny Perez.

Two judges scored the fight 119-109 for Molina, and the third had the Mexican winning 118-110. There were no knockdowns.

Molina (16-4-1) won his ninth consecutive bout and the minor NABO title.

In other boxing news:

■ Ruslan Chagaev (25-0-1) will replace David Haye as Wladimir Klitschko's opponent in a heavyweight title bout on June 20. Haye bowed out of the fight on Wednesday, saying he had injured his back in training, and said he wanted to push the date back to July. But Klitschko (52-3), who holds the IBF and WBO belts, said he was in top form and wanted to keep the date — a 60,000-ticket sellout at Schalke's soccer stadium in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

Kwan graduating from college

DENVER — Two-time Olympic medal-winning figure skater Michelle Kwan will add a college diploma to her list of honors.

Kwan has been attending the University of Denver and on Saturday will receive a bachelor's degree in international studies with a minor in political science during an undergraduate commencement ceremony.

Kwan, 28, from Torrance, Calif., came to Denver in 2006 with a year's worth of credits from UCLA. She is a nine-time U.S. champion and five-time world champion.

Four buyers apply to purchase Coyotes

PHOENIX — NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said four prospective buyers have filed preliminary background applications to purchase the insolvent Phoenix Coyotes and keep the team in Arizona.

The interested parties include Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of baseball's Chicago White Sox and the NBA's Chicago Bulls; Howard Sokolowski and David Cynamon, co-owners of the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League; and Las Vegas-based businessman John Breslow, who owns 3 percent of the Coyotes.

The fourth prospective buyer requested anonymity while investigating the possible purchase, Bettman said in a declaration filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Hornets assistant Gattison departs

NEW ORLEANS — Hornets assistant coach Kenny Gattison is leaving the NBA franchise after six years.

His contract expires at the end of this month. The team says the Hornets and Gattison agreed he could pursue other opportunities.

Coach Byron Scott called Gattison an integral part of the team's success. The coach said during pre-draft workouts Friday he does not have a replacement lined up.

Gattison joined the Hornets under previous coach Tim Floyd in 2003 and was retained when Scott became the coach the next year.

At 6 feet 5, 240 pounds, George Foreman III follows in his father's famous footsteps



Former world heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman and his son George III take a break at the family's training complex in Houston last week. The 26-year-old George III, who is nicknamed "Monk," was scheduled to make his professional boxing debut Saturday night against Clyde Weaver in a heavyweight bout in Kinder, La.

David J. Phillip/AP

By George, there's another fighting Foreman

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — George Foreman named each of his five sons for himself, clearly set on carrying on the family name. The two-time heavyweight champion, however, drew the line at a family boxing tradition.

"It is such a rough sport," he said. "I never wanted my kids to do that."

Still, when George III chose to box, the father was there. On Saturday, George III was to become Foreman's first son to fight professionally when he faced Clyde Weaver in Kinder, La. A sister, Freeda George, had a short boxing career early in the decade.

George III, nicknamed "Monk," is 6 feet 5 and 240 pounds. He might have gotten to the ring sooner if not for his father's insistence on putting education first. The 26-year-old son has worked as his dad's business manager since getting a business degree from Rice.

"That was the main focus with

my family," Monk said. "I couldn't even talk about girlfriends until I had my college degree, much less boxing. Once I did that I'm sure they figured, it's my life."

Monk had been training mostly on his own for almost a year with advice from his father before the elder George decided he'd test him. The intimidating bear of a man entered the ring and announced the pair would spar the next day.

"So he walks in there, doesn't smile, doesn't tell me anything, says, 'no pointers,'" Monk said. "He goes off in the corner, puts his headgear on by himself, didn't give me any coaching for three days and he just pulverized me."

So the champ hit his son? "He hit me," Monk said. "He didn't hurt me, but he hit me."

When it was over, father came away impressed and is now Monk's trainer and manager. "When you get in the ring with the ex-heavyweight champion of the world, if that doesn't frighten you, nothing can frighten you," the elder Foreman said. "He wasn't bothered by it."

The champ, who was almost 60

at the time, was a bit troubled by the session. "He scared me because I was trying to hit him with that big jab of mine ... and he kept jumping up like: 'I'm going to hit you' and I thought: 'I don't think I'm going to be doing this much,'" dad said. "I don't want to be hit in the head anymore."

This will be Monk's first official fight after several attempts at amateur bouts fell through. Turns out no one wanted to face a man with genes like his, even if he was inexperienced.

Monk said he ran into the fathers of a couple of the men he was set to fight. "They'd say: 'It was my son, he was going to fight you and he couldn't sleep at night,'" Monk said.

Added the champ: "That George Foreman name can get you in trouble. You can't get an amateur career when everybody thinks you are the reincarnation of George Foreman."

After more than three months of canceled amateur fights, the champ came up with the idea for Monk to go professional, surmising that some opponent would show up to collect a check.

Monk's newfound career has created an interesting dynamic between father and son. George isn't quite as bossy with Monk in his role as business manager now that he's managing his boxing career. "When you're managing your father, he can come and he can tell you off real good and point his finger at you," Monk said. "But when he's your manager in boxing and your trainer he has to say: 'I don't want to upset this guy because I have to deal with him this afternoon and I don't want him to fire me.'"

Though the family, which includes 10 children, is supportive of Monk's dream, some aren't excited about a Foreman getting back into the ring more than 11 years after the champ's last fight.

"I really thought we were done," daughter Natalie Foreman said. "I thought that as a family we had been through enough waiting in the dark for the phone call that says dad's OK."

Natalie thought that maybe one of her brothers might follow in her father's footsteps. But if she had to guess which one, Monk would have been the last choice.

She said Monk is the sweetest and most gentle of the Foreman boys. The women in the family also believe he's the best looking, so they cringe at the thought of him taking a blow to his face.

"I've never seen him lose his temper," Natalie said. "My other brothers lost their tempers and I'm like: 'Oh, God, there's a beast in there.' But with him ... he was so sweet and so kind."

Sitting next to the son who has outgrown him on a recent afternoon, the champ beams as he discusses Monk. "He can do more than me because the first time around all I cared about was the fame and fortune and really trying to hurt someone," the champ said.

"He doesn't think like that. He's looking at boxing purely as a science and as a profession. The second time around I was just thinking about hmmm, publicity. How am I going to sell this product? He's beaten me there because he's thinking pure science. He's a businessman already. All the things I was trying to achieve, he's done already. So he can concentrate on boxing a little more."

USFJ-AFL roundup

Moore better: Wide receiver's two TDs key Foster rally

Stars and Stripes

Halftime adjustments paid major dividends for the Foster Bulldogs on Saturday, helping them rally past Kadena and clinch the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League's Southern Division title.

Corey Moore caught two second-half touchdown passes and Jamar Jarrell rushed 62 yards for a score that helped the Bulldogs score 20 unanswered points. They rallied from a 12-3 halftime deficit for a 23-20 victory over the Dragons (1-2).

While the Bulldogs (4-0) sewed up a first-round playoff bye, Yokota showed signs of life after losing its first three games. Last in the Northern Division, the Warriors (1-3) scored 10 unanswered points and held off defending champion Misawa 22-12. The Jets fell to 1-2.

Foster 23, Kadena 20: At Kadena's McDonald Stadium, the Bulldogs, held to 42 yards in the first half, ditched their spread attack for a conventional pro-I set. They moved Jarrell to tailback in place of injured Dyamon Durant and Jarrell promptly broke his long run that sparked the turnaround.

"Jarrell gave us a boost. He hit the holes pretty hard," coach

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Northern Division

| | W | L | Pct. | PF | PA |
|----------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Yokosuka | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 84 | 49 |
| Misawa | 1 | 2 | .333 | 26 | 33 |
| Yokota | 1 | 3 | .250 | 61 | 89 |

Southern Division

| | W | L | Pct. | PF | PA |
|----------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| x-Foster | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 92 | 46 |
| Kadena | 1 | 2 | .333 | 50 | 38 |
| Torii | 0 | 3 | .000 | 20 | 78 |

x-clinched division title, first-round playoff bye

Saturday's games

Foster 23, Kadena 20

Yokota 22, Misawa 12

Sunday's game

Yokohama Harbors (Japanese club) at Yokosuka, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

Yokosuka at Misawa, 2 p.m.

Kadena at Torii Station, 6 p.m.

Auburne Edwards said. Of his offensive adjustments, he said: "We had to go back to basics."

Going back to basics gave the Bulldogs "that thing called momentum," said Moore, who caught a 28-yard TD pass from Frank Bryant following a Michael Redd fumble recovery. "It started with that first touchdown, we started jelling and playing as a team," Moore said.

Moore later caught a 32-yard scoring pass from Bryant which proved to be the game winner. A day after graduating from Kadena High School, former Panthers star Brandon Harris snagged a 35-yard TD pass that cut it to three points with 2:18 left.

"The Marines came out hungry

as a team and we rolled over for them," Dragons coach Will Cupp said. "Poor execution. We even had calls going our way. We just couldn't capitalize."

Foster scored first on a 32-yard Ky Gregory field goal. Kadena seized a 12-3 halftime edge on Jarvis Mitchell's 25-yard touchdown run and Andre Warren's 52-yard punt-return TD.

Bryant was 11-for-19 for 142 yards, Moore caught seven passes for 87 yards, Jarrell rushed 14 times for 102 yards and the Bulldogs outgained the Dragons 253-141.

Jimmy Wright was 9-for-21 for 113 yards and Curtis Armstrong recovered a fumble and recorded a quarterback sack for Kadena.

Yokota 22, Misawa 12: At Yokota's Bonk Field, Frederick Guild intercepted a league-record five passes, two in the end zone and all of which halted Jets' drives inside Yokota's 20-yard line. Guild's feat came a week after Yokota coughed up eight turnovers in a 41-12 loss at Yokosuka (3-0).

Guild "gave our defense a big boost," coach Herbert Fletcher said. "We came out and played Yokota defense."

"We threw the ball in bad spots," Jets coach Jeremy Sanders said, adding that Yokota's red



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Foster Bulldogs running back Dyamon Durant is slammed to the ground by Perry Davis of the Kadena Dragons during Saturday's U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League game at McDonald Stadium, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Foster beat Kadena 23-20, clinching the Southern Division title and a first-round playoff bye.

zone was "our Achilles' heel."

Ryan Jones threw a 73-yard scoring pass to Dwayne Mathis, Kevin Fortsen ran 25 yards for a TD and Dell Washington 12 yards for a touchdown and Yokota got a safety when Misawa snapped the

ball out of the end zone. Jones finished with 150 yards in the air.

Misawa got touchdown passes of 35 yards to Justin Hampton and 20 to Charles Salter from Deron Frierson, who was 15-for-20 for 152 yards.

French Open

Kuznetsova will always have Paris

No. 7 seed handles top-ranked Safina in all-Russian final

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

PARIS — Svetlana Kuznetsova conquered her nerves and beat the shaky Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-2 Saturday to win the women's singles title in the French Open.

Showing uncharacteristic calm, the seventh-seeded Kuznetsova earned her second Grand Slam title. Jitters have often betrayed her down the stretch in big matches, but she swept the final four games with steady play.

Instead it was the top-ranked Safina who battled her emotions in the all-Russian matchup. She double-faulted seven times, struggled with her movement and appeared near tears late in the match.

"Definitely it was a lot of emotions inside of me, but I control it," Kuznetsova said. "She was too tight. She had so much pressure on her."

Four-time French Open champion Justine Henin and others have criticized Safina's ranking

because she has yet to win a major title. She climbed to No. 1 in April and will remain there through at least late July, but she's 0-3 in Grand Slam finals.

The younger sister of two-time Grand Slam champion Marat Safin was runner-up at Roland Garros last year to Ana Ivanovic.

"Here I am back in the same situation as last year," Safina said during the trophy ceremony, her voice cracking. "Hopefully one day I can win here."

The loss, which ended her 16-match winning streak, was the latest in a series of lopsided women's finals at Roland Garros. The last one to go three sets was in 2001, when Jennifer Capriati beat Kim Clijsters.

On Sunday, Roger Federer will play in his fourth consecutive Roland Garros men's final, with one big difference this year: He's facing Robin Soderling, not Rafael Nadal. Federer will bid for his 14th major title to match Pete Sampras' record, and he'll try to become the sixth man to win all four Grand Slam titles.

Soderling will play in his first major final after upsetting four-time defending champion Nadal in the fourth round.

Kuznetsova ended Serena Williams' 18-match Grand Slam win-



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova returns the ball to compatriot Dinara Safina during the women's singles final in the French Open on Saturday. Kuznetsova breezed to her second Grand Slam title with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over the world's top-ranked player.

MICHEL EULER/AP

She double-faulted for the last time on championship point, then slammed her racket to the court, and Kuznetsova's reaction to the victory was subdued. The two finalists, whose friendly rivalry goes back a decade, traded kisses on the cheek at the net. Kuznetsova then allowed herself a brief smile and acknowledged the cheering crowd by patting her chest.

"I've been waiting for this moment for a very long time," Kuznetsova said. "Really, I didn't expect it to happen this year, but I give my best, I played with all my heart, I had unbelievable matches, I had unbelievable support. It's my favorite tournament. I'm happy to win it."

Steffi Graf, who won the last of her six French Open titles a decade ago, presented the trophy.

"I've been watching her for very long, but I've never met her," Kuznetsova said.

"So today I got in the locker room, and first thing I saw her, and I got red and I said, 'Hi, I've never met you.' She wished me good luck. It's special she gives me the trophy."

Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion, got \$1.5 million. Safina received \$750,000.

Hochevar promoted, beats Jays

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Luke Hochevar worked into the seventh inning and Willie Bloomquist hit a three-run triple as the Kansas City Royals beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2 on Saturday to end an eight-game losing streak.

Mark Teahen went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs for the Royals, who had not won since beating Detroit 6-1 on May 26 and entered Saturday's game having lost 20 of 25.

Toronto had won six straight at home over Kansas City.

Called up from Triple-A Omaha to make the start, Hochevar (1-2) won for the first time since July 11, 2008. He allowed two runs and four hits over 6²/₃ innings.

Pitching on the third anniversary of his first overall selection in the 2006 draft, Hochevar lowered his ERA from 10.80 to 7.85.

Kansas City cleared a roster spot for Hochevar by designating lefty Horacio Ramirez for assignment.

Kyle Farnsworth relieved Hochevar in the seventh with two outs and runners at second and third and got Raul Chavez to ground out on his first pitch. Farnsworth also worked the eighth and Joakim Soria finished for Kansas City.

Scott Richmond (4-3) allowed



THE CANADIAN PRESS, DARREN CALABRESE/AP

Toronto's Raul Chavez is greeted by teammate Lyle Overbay after hitting a two-run homer in the third inning Saturday.

five runs and five hits in 4²/₃ innings for Toronto. He dropped to 0-3 with a 5.40 ERA over his past six games, including five starts.

Chavez hit a two-run homer in the third inning and Richmond shut out the Royals until they scored five times in the fifth.

After Teahen hit a tying two-run drive, Alberto Callaspo doubled over Adam Lind in left and took third on a grounder. Richmond then walked Mitch Maier and David DeJesus before Bloomquist tripled into left-center to make it 5-2.

Teahen added a run-scoring single in the eighth.

Toronto's Lyle Overbay extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a double in the seventh.

Rays rally past Rivera, Yanks

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Dillon hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning and the Tampa Bay Rays roughed up closer Mariano Rivera for the second time this season, defeating the New York Yankees 9-7 on Saturday.

David Price left with a chance to beat CC Sabathia in a much-anticipated matchup pitting a potential ace against an established one. But the Yankees rallied for two runs in the eighth, tying it 5-5 against Tampa Bay's bullpen.

Willy Aybar and Ben Zobrist homered to help the AL champion Rays overcome four errors, which doubled their previous season high. Tampa Bay has won four straight and six of seven.

The Rays are 3-0 at the new Yankee Stadium, including an 8-6 victory May 7 when Rivera served up back-to-back homers for the first time in his career.



JEFF ZELEVANSKY/AP

New York's CC Sabathia is glum after falling behind Tampa Bay 5-2 in the fifth inning Saturday.

Carl Crawford and Evan Longoria connected for ninth-inning solo shots in that one.

Mark Teixeira homered in the eighth on Saturday and hit a two-run double in the ninth for New York. Alex Rodriguez also went

deep for the Yankees, who had won 17 of 22.

Rays reliever Dan Wheeler gave up three straight hits to start the ninth, then retired Rodriguez and Jorge Posada with Teixeira on second.

Randy Choate got Robinson Cano on a long fly to center for his third save in eight days — the first three of his major league career, which began in 2000. B.J. Upton made a lunging grab to end it.

Zobrist opened the Tampa Bay ninth with a triple to left-center and scored on a single by Dillon, a journeyman who was acquired from Oakland on May 9. He has three hits in each of the past two games, matching his career high each time.

Upton added a two-out RBI single off Rivera (0-2), who was then lifted from the game in a rare occurrence. Crawford hit a run-scoring single off Phil Coke, and another run scored on an error by Rodriguez at third.

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Toronto rolls as Greinke pounded

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Zack Greinke felt weird after taking his worst pounding of the season.

Adam Lind and Lyle Overbay hit solo home runs and the Toronto Blue Jays roughed up the Kansas City ace, handing the Royals their eighth straight loss, 9-3 on Friday night.

"They hit me real hard today," Greinke said. "Whatever I threw was hit. Even the outs were hit hard."

Rod Barajas added a two-run shot for the Blue Jays, who boosted Greinke's ERA from 1.10 to 1.55.

"No matter what I threw, it was just hammered," Greinke said. "I'm not used to that. I don't remember seeing anyone get hit that hard in a long time."

Seeking to join Toronto's Roy Halladay as a nine-game winner, Greinke (8-2) instead was tagged for a season-high seven runs and nine hits in five innings. He walked one and struck out three. The right-hander dropped to 1-4 with a 7.07 ERA in his career at Toronto.

"It was kind of weird out there," Greinke said. "It's one thing to get hit, but everything was a line drive. Today, I just got crushed."

Overbay extended his hitting streak to 11 games when he lined a one-out drive to center in the second, snapping Greinke's streak of 111 innings without allowing a home run. The last player to homer off Greinke was Oakland's Daric Barton, who took him deep Sept. 2, 2008.

"It was bound to happen," Greinke said of his homer-less streak. "It would have been nice if it wasn't today."

Greinke allowed four runs in a 7-4 loss to the Chicago White Sox on Sunday and has won just one of his past four starts after winning seven of eight.

"He wasn't as sharp to both sides of the plate," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "Specifically today, he needed to pitch inside a little bit more. He tried to get it there a couple of times and left it out over the plate."

The Blue Jays were the first team to score an earned run off Greinke this season, managing two in an 11-3 loss at Kansas City on April 29.

This time, they jumped all over him. Marco Scutaro doubled and



THE CANADIAN PRESS, DARREN CALABRESE/AP

Kansas City ace Zack Greinke wipes his brow during the fourth inning Friday night at Toronto. Greinke was touched up for four runs in the inning on the way to losing 9-3 to the Blue Jays.

scored on a two-out single by Vernon Wells in the first, Overbay homered in the second and the Blue Jays piled on with a four-run third.

Alex Rios hit an RBI double and later scored on Tony Pena's throwing error, with Overbay capping the rally with a two-run double off the base of the wall in right.

Lind made it 7-0 with a one-out homer to left in the fifth, his ninth, and Barajas homered off reliever Juan Cruz in the eighth.

"All we really wanted to do was lay off his (Greinke's) slider," Lind said. "If we could do that, we could maybe force him into throwing some fastballs over the plate."

The strategy worked and left Greinke scratching his head.

"If I threw a strike, they swung and hit it hard," Greinke said. "They didn't chase anything with two strikes. I threw some close pitches and they took them. If I threw it for a strike, they hit it."

Blue Jays left-hander Ricky Romero allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings to win for the first time since April 19.

Romero (3-2), who missed 24 games following that victory because of a strained right oblique, walked two and struck out five.

"It's a step in the right direction," Romero said. "I still have some work to do. I haven't gotten a feel for that changeup that I had earlier in the year."

Romero allowed all three Kansas City runs in the seventh, when Jose Guillen and Mike Jacobs hit back-to-back home runs.

Jason Frasor worked the eighth and Scott Downs finished it in the ninth for Toronto.

AL roundup

Pavano, Chapter 2

New York horror story over, he excels for Tribe

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — After a disastrous four-year stint with the New York Yankees and undergoing elbow ligament-replacement surgery, many people had written off Carl Pavano.

Not so fast. The right-hander pitched a three-hitter Friday night for his fifth career shutout and Mark DeRosa hit a three-run homer, leading the Cleveland Indians to a 6-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Pavano (6-4) handled the White Sox with relative ease in his first shutout since May 17, 2005 while with New York. He faced four batters over the minimum.

Pavano signed a four-year \$39.95 million deal with the Yankees after going 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA for the Florida Marlins in 2004. A variety of injuries limited his effectiveness and he was only 9-8 over four seasons with the Yankees. He's finally getting used to pitching after the operation.

"I think it's getting there. I had a couple starts where I was really strong," Pavano said. "Today I didn't have the best fastball but I was able to locate it and I had pretty good movement."

"It's tough. I was 27 or 28 and I'm five years older. I learned from all the success I had in the past. You take it all into account and try to be consistent. I feel good but I always feel there is room for improvement."

After Scott Podsednik doubled leading off, Pavano retired the next three hitters, stranding Podsednik at third.

Pavano is 6-1 with a 3.00 ERA after going 0-3 with a 9.50 ERA in April.

"I definitely felt strong at the end. With the lead I had, I was able to pound the strike zone and stay ahead of those guys and get some quick outs," he said.

Travis Hafner and Ryan Garko added back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning for the Indians.

The White Sox have lost four in a row since a season-high four-game winning streak and have been shut out nine times, tops in the majors. Chicago has not scored in 23 1/3 consecutive innings and has been blanked three of its past four games.

"Besides not hitting, we're not doing the little things either," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "People are going to be struggling at the plate, but we got a man on third base and no outs



DUANE BURLISON/AP

Chone Figgins (9) is hugged by shortstop Erick Aybar after falling into the stands to catch a foul ball for the game-ending out Friday night as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Detroit Tigers 2-1.

and we can't get him in. We swing at back-to-back changeups in the dirt. It's just a lot of bad things happening right now. A lot of bad ugly things, embarrassing things happening now."

Angels 2, Tigers 1: At Detroit, Juan Rivera's ninth-inning single broke a scoreless tie, saving a stellar outing for Ervin Santana.

Torii Hunter and Kendry Morales started the ninth with singles off Fernando Rodney (0-1), and Rivera poked a single through the drawn-in infield for the game's first run. After Erick Aybar's sacrifice bunt, Howie Kendrick's grounder made it 2-0.

Magglio Ordonez hit an RBI single in the ninth, but Angels closer Brian Fuentes replaced Santana and got Curtis Granderson to hit a foul pop behind third that Chone Figgins caught before tumbling into the stands. It was Fuentes' 15th save in 18 tries.

Santana (1-2) picked up his first victory since Sept. 22.

Rangers 5, Red Sox 1: Kevin Millwood held Boston scoreless for seven innings and Ian Kinsler hit a three-run homer as the Rangers ended an eight-game losing streak at Fenway Park.

The loss snapped Boston's four-game winning streak and dropped its home mark to 17-7,

second in the majors behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Millwood (5-4), winless in four of his past five starts, shut out the Red Sox until David Ortiz's RBI single in the eighth.

The Rangers chased starter Brad Penny (5-2) in the sixth.

Athletics 9, Orioles 1: At Oakland, Calif., Jack Cust and Matt Holiday each hit three-run homers, and Dallas Braden matched his career high with seven strikeouts as the Athletics extended their winning streak to a season-high four games.

Cust hit a three-run home run off Jeremy Guthrie (4-5) as part of a six-run first inning when Oakland had seven hits and batted around. Braden (5-5) scattered five hits and allowed one run over five innings.

Twins 2, Mariners 1 (10): The visiting Twins ended Ichiro Suzuki's hitting streak at 27 games and took advantage of two miscues by Mariners left fielder Wladimir Balentien in the 10th inning.

Francisco Liriano pitched six innings to perhaps save his place in the rotation and help the Twins win for the fourth time in five games. Matt Gurrier (2-0) allowed one hit in 1 2/3 innings, and Joe Nathan finished for his 11th save in 13 chances.

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Zambrano does it all for 100th

Cubs pitcher homers, plays heads-up defense in victory over Reds

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Carlos Zambrano was prepared to do everything he could to earn his 100th career victory.

Zambrano pitched into the seventh inning, hit a key home run and added a couple of heads-up defensive plays to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Friday night.

"I felt good," said Zambrano, who didn't allow a hit until Adam Rosales lined a single to left with one out in the fifth inning. "Thank God we won the game. I'm happy about the 100th win. It makes me proud, but the most important thing is we won. After my last start, I felt bad about what happened."

Zambrano gave up two hits and a season-high five walks in 6²/₃ innings. He struck out seven in reaching the century mark in his third attempt since beating Florida on May 3 for victory No. 99. Since then, he spent 19 days on the disabled list because of a left hamstring strain, lost at San Diego and was suspended six games for an altercation with plate umpire Mark Carlson on May 27 in Chicago.

His return was delayed one day by rain that washed out his scheduled start Thursday in Atlanta.

"Zambrano pitched really, really well — really well," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "He got a little tired at the end."

"That was vintage Zambrano right there: high velocity, a lot of movement, good sinker," Reds manager Dusty Baker said.

The Cubs pushed across a run in the first on Ryan Theriot's one-out infield hit and three walks. Theriot finished with two hits after opening Chicago's road trip 1-for-10.

Zambrano (4-2), who struck out the side in the first, hit his second homer of the season and 18th of his career, this one on Micah Owings' first pitch of the fifth inning. The switch-hitter smacked the homer from the right side after striking out left-handed in his first at-bat.

"I have a little discomfort in my left hand," Zambrano said. "It's nothing serious. In the National League, you have to do both. I have a decent swing right-handed and left-handed. That turned out to be the difference. I'm happy about that."



HARAZ N. GHANBARI/AP

The Mets' David Wright slides safely into third base as Nationals infielder Ryan Zimmerman fails to make the tag during the second inning of Friday night's game. Wright had four hits, including a two-run double in the 10th inning, as the Mets won 3-1.

NL roundup

Wright's fourth hit lifts Mets in 10th

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As David Wright continues to search for his power stroke, he's still finding ways to contribute offensively.

Wright's two-run double, his fourth hit of the game, broke a 10th-inning tie and the New York Mets beat the Washington Nationals 3-1 on Friday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

"I'm concentrating on trying to get hits," said Wright, who has homered three times after hitting a career-high 33 a year ago. "I don't consider myself necessarily a home-run hitter, so if I go gap-to-gap, if I get my doubles, if I drive my runs in, I'm satisfied with that."

Luis Castillo led off the 10th with a single off Joel Hanrahan (0-3), rolling an 0-2 slider into right field before Carlos Beltran walked. Wright then lined a 2-2 fastball into the gap in right-center to score both runners and match his game high for hits.

Wright leads the Mets with 20 multihit games and has 27 RBIs in 34 games.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 0: At San Diego, Doug Davis pitched three-hit ball over six innings to win for the first time in more than five weeks. Davis (3-6) struck out five and walked four. Daniel Schlereth, Esmerling Vasquez and Chad Qualls finished the four-hitter for Arizona's fifth shutout.

Chris Snyder drove in three runs, including two during the Diamondbacks' four-run fifth inning that gave Davis a 5-0 lead.

Dodgers 4, Phillies 3: At Los Angeles, Andre Ethier hit a two-run double with the bases loaded in the ninth inning — after third baseman Pedro Feliz made a fielding error with two outs — as the Dodgers snapped Philadelphia's seven-game winning streak.

Brad Lidge (0-3) got his fifth blown save of the season in 18 attempts, after going 41-for-41 last season and 7-for-7 in the play-offs to help the Phillies win their second World Series title.

Casey Blake started the two-out rally with a single, James Loney walked and Russell Martin reached when Feliz botched his routine grounder. Ethier then lined Lidge's next pitch into the right-field corner.

Brewers 4, Braves 0: At Atlanta, Yovani Gallardo and Carlos Villanueva combined for a two-hit shutout, and rookie Mat Gamel drove in three runs as NL Central-leading Milwaukee blanked Atlanta.

Gallardo (6-2) walked four with six strikeouts and gave up no singles in eight innings. He allowed no baserunner past second base before Villanueva completed the shutout.

Gallardo, who pitched eight scoreless innings but received no decision in the Brewers' 1-0 victory over St. Louis in 10 innings May 25, has allowed one earned run in his past three starts.

Giants 2, Marlins 1: At Miami, Pablo Sandoval hit a two-run homer and Barry

Zito ended a four-start losing streak as San Francisco held on to beat Florida.

Zito (2-6) went five-plus innings, allowing one run on four hits to get his first victory since May 8 at Los Angeles. Brandon Medders and Sergio Romo combined for three scoreless innings of relief, before Brian Wilson loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth.

He got Jorge Cantu to ground out for his 14th save in 17 opportunities.

Chris Volstad (4-5) worked six innings, giving up two runs on eight hits for Florida.

Rockies 11, Cardinals 4: At St. Louis, Jorge De La Rosa ended a six-game losing streak and got his first RBI on a bases-loaded walk in a nine-run seventh inning as Colorado downed St. Louis.

Albert Pujols, Yadier Molina and Ryan Ludwick homered for the Cardinals, who wasted a strong outing by Adam Wainwright (5-4). Molina, the Cardinals' catcher, hit his first homer since May 5 in the seventh, four innings after Todd Helton hit him on the side of the head on a backswing.

Rockies manager Jim Tracy put De La Rosa (1-6) on notice before the game, and he allowed one run on four hits in seven innings to end a losing streak that had been tied with the Tigers' Armando Galarraga for the longest in the major leagues.

Lee's slam, Hampton's pitching do the trick for hot Astros

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros are playing better, and manager Cecil Cooper says it's due to improved starting pitching.

The Astros also showed some offense Friday night, complementing Mike Hampton's strong outing in a 9-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Carlos Lee hit a grand slam, and Hampton, 36, struck out five to beat Pittsburgh for the ninth consecutive time. Houston

has won six of its past eight games, and the victory margin in this one was the largest of the season.

"It feels like every game we play out there is a battle," Lee said. "It felt good to just relax out there. It's not like there was a lot of pressure."

Hampton (4-4) allowed five hits in seven innings, holding the Pirates to one run for the second time in a week. The left-hander also pitched seven innings in Houston's 2-1 victory at PNC Park on Sunday.

"This is basically the same game he pitched against us the last time," Pirates manager John Russell said. "We just did not have many opportunities."

Hampton, who signed with the Astros as a free agent in December, won at Minute Maid Park for the first time in eight starts since April 2003, when he pitched for Atlanta. He also had a hit and an RBI, increasing his batting average to .381, the best among major league pitchers.

"I go up there with the approach of try-

ing to get hits and doing positive things," said Hampton, who has eight hits in his past 16 at-bats. "I try to be a complete player. I don't try to go out there and just pitch."

Lee's 13th career grand slam — off Evan Meek — capped a seven-run sixth inning for Houston. Humberto Quintero drove in two runs with his first career triple earlier in the inning, off Jeff Karstens (2-3).

Hampton helped himself in the third, singling and later scoring on Jeff Keppinger's sacrifice fly to center.

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SPORTS



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THE 141st BELMONT STAKES

Bird of a feather

11-1 shot Summer Bird, a half-brother of favored Mine That Bird, takes Belmont and denies jockey Calvin Borel a Triple Crown



PETER MORGAN/AP

Jockey Kent Desormeaux rides Summer Bird, who was sent off at odds of 11-1, to victory in the 141st running of the 1½-mile Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — This was a Belmont Stakes for the Birds.

It was Summer Bird, not Mine That Bird and jockey Calvin Borel, who came roaring down the long stretch and won the final jewel of the Triple Crown on Saturday.

The upset ended Borel's bid to become the first jockey to win a personal Triple Crown, and he failed to deliver on a guarantee that he would win the Belmont with the little gelding. Borel won the Kentucky Derby aboard

Mine That Bird, then won the Preakness with Rachel Alexandra.

Summer Bird, like Mine That Bird a son of Birdstone, blew past Dunkirk and Mine That Bird to give jockey Kent Desormeaux a Belmont Stakes victory he desperately wanted.

With the crowd cheering on the leaders in the stretch, Mine That Bird made a huge move outside and took a brief lead over Dunkirk. But it was Summer Bird, at 11-1, who pulled away for a 2½-length victory over Dunkirk. Mine That Bird was third in the field of 10 3-year-olds.

"I thought I was home free," Borel said, "but the other

horses galloped by."

They sure did, and there was no happier rider than Desormeaux. Last year, he won the Derby and Preakness aboard Big Brown, only to have to pull up the colt in the Belmont. And in 1998, he brought Real Quiet into the Belmont for a Triple try only to get beat by Victory Gallop by a nose in a photo finish.

"I hope from now on we'll talk about winning one," Desormeaux said.

There was an inquiry filed by the jockey of Charitable Man, Alan Garcia, against Dunkirk for interference, but it was disallowed by the racing stewards.

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